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Last-minute campaigns as Herut picks MK list

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Herut central committee members last night chose their Knesset candidates in an election at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds. The results were not expected until the early morning hours.

The vote was the first in a two-step election process. Next week the central committee will meet again to decide the order in which the top 35 Knesset hopefuls will be listed. Three groups of seven candidates each will be chosen in successive rounds of voting and the remaining 14 members will be co-opted on the basis of the number of votes they won last night.

So a more accurate picture of the power of Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon and others will be available only next week.

To prevent a single well-organized group from choosing all 35 candidates, each central committee member was allowed to pick only 21 contenders out of the 140 Herut members who ran for the Knesset list.

Campaigning outside the convention centre here continued up to the last minute, as candidates and supporters handed out leaflets, flowers and even key holders. Supporters of Yosef Leiman distributed a letter signed by the commanders of the 1948 Irgun arms-ship Altalena and some of its passengers advocating his candidacy.

One Knesset hopeful, Elhanan (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)



Prime Minister Shamir casts his ballot yesterday in Tel Aviv at the Herut central committee session called to pick the party's Knesset candidates.

Kibbutz movement probes Christian 'cult' operation

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Kibbutz Movement is at present investigating a Christian evangelical group operating in several kibbutzim, suspected of promoting missionary activity and which appears to have some of the characteristics of a cult.

Members of kibbutzim in which the group, Project Kibbutz, has operated, report incidents of intimidation and extreme forms of moral pressure. Others speak of a clear desire to convert Jews, an aim stated in literature abroad, but strenuously denied by those in Israel.

Project Kibbutz is an evangelical Christian group with groups of some eight to 15 volunteers at about seven kibbutzim, all in Upper Galilee. The volunteers agree to come for one year and commit themselves to a strict moral code which includes no smoking, no alcohol whatsoever and no "dating."

"For a kibbutz, the advantage of such a group of volunteers is obvious. In contrast to the usual run of volunteers, who sometimes include itinerants with questionable habits, Project members are committed and serious. They present no absenteeism or drug problem, and do not become sexually involved with young people from the kibbutz. Indeed, a great many members see them as very nice young people who are nothing but an asset to the kibbutz."

Others tell a very different story. One of them is Yossi, a longtime member of a kibbutz where the group still operates. (This is a fictitious name. Virtually all the informants insisted on using false names, to avoid notoriety for themselves and their kibbutz.)

In the course of his work, Yossi said, he came in contact with Susan, a 21-year-old with what he described as "a characteristic American friendliness and openness." One day, Susan told him she was leaving. She had not been able to keep up to the standards of the group; she had smoked a cigarette and had some wine at *kabbalat Shabbat*.

Yossi asked Susan if she would like to stay on at the kibbutz, even if it were not in the framework of the group. She answered that she would like to very much, but that she was frightened. She would not say of what. A chat with the kibbutz coordinator and the group left Susan determined to stay, although she intimated that she would have trouble going home if she didn't do so when the group wanted her to.

But the next day, Yossi said, there was a meeting of Susan and the entire group. When it was over, she was withdrawn and silent. The same girl who had been outgoing and friendly before now seemed like a different person.

During the rest of Susan's time on (Continued on Page 3)

Suspects show pride in Jewish terror action

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Suspects in the Jewish terror conspiracy are expressing pride in their actions as they reconstruct for investigators the various crimes attributed to them. The Jerusalem Post has learned.

At least two have told their interrogators that the attack on the Islamic University of Hebron was a failure because only four people were killed — three on the spot and one who died later.

Last night, sources said suspects are to lead police through a reenactment of the attack on the university, the placing of two bombs near Hebron mosques (the bombs never exploded) and the sabotaging of five Arab-owned buses that the General Security Services foiled last week.

The 1980 West Bank mayors' car-bombing case is causing some problems for the investigators, however. While they have considerable supporting evidence, they have not yet obtained written confessions from any of the suspects.

Furthermore, sources said, an Ofra man who is under arrest and considered a key figure in the case is refusing to cooperate. For that reason, investigators have not yet let him meet with attorneys.

Two Kiryat Arba brothers are said to have been involved in four cases. The two brothers, veterans of elite combat units and yeshiva students from a Herut-oriented religious family, reportedly became disillusioned with mainstream politics, including even that of right-wing Tzviya, in recent years.

They reportedly have confessed in writing to involvement in the attack on the Islamic University last summer, the attempt on the buses last week, and to at least two bombing attempts against Hebron mosques.

They have told their interrogators that they brought other people into each action. All of them are under arrest as well, and most are now cooperating with their interrogators.

Meanwhile, West Bank settlement leaders and the rank and file have been meeting to discuss "what went wrong" in Gush Emunim.

Rabbi Yoel Bin-Nun, a leading settlement figure, said: "We are going through a soul-searching process." But he admitted that "among the younger people, in particular, there is still no recognition of the sin."

The tone was in sharp contrast to that heard earlier in the week, when Gush Emunim leaders rejected out of hand the possibility that its members could have been involved in organized anti-Arab terror.

Even now, Gush rank and file continued to seek ways to mitigate the impression of an organized terror network.

While prominent settlement figure Daniel Weiss of Kedumim said that "new facts... are requiring us to consider our educational values," others were refusing to make any comparison with Arab terror.

One settler said that "the response to Arab terrorism has to be different from punishment meted out to any Israeli citizen. Arabs who bomb buses or indiscriminately kill Jews are trying to overthrow the state," he stressed. But Jews involved in terror against Arabs are guilty, he said, of "criminal acts."

The investigation into the West Bank mayors' assassination attempt four years ago, meanwhile, continues to be the main focus of the investigators' efforts. With some suspects already in custody for the car bombings, confessions by at least some are expected soon. Other suspects, still at large, are expected to be picked up soon.

A senior investigative source said (Continued on Page 17)

Beirut crisis continues

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Lebanon's leaders held backstage consultations yesterday on the crisis posed by Shi'ite Moslem leader Nabih Berri's refusal to join a national unity cabinet unless his demands are fulfilled.

Berri said on Wednesday he would join only if a special ministry or other body were set up to deal with the Israeli occupation of South Lebanon or if the 10-man cabinet were expanded to include 26 members, opposition sources said.

They said prime minister Rashid (Continued on Page 17)

Race for foreign money speeds up

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

After a brief lull in the public's race for foreign currency following last October's economic crisis, the buying spree has resumed.

Figures released yesterday by the Bank of Israel show that in the first quarter of 1984 the public bought some \$350 million in foreign currency.

Government sources said that to prevent a drastic drop in foreign currency reserves, the government had requested and been granted advanced payment of U.S. foreign aid. The American administration trans-

ferred hundreds of millions of dollars to Israel in the last two months. According to economic observers, the pace of foreign currency purchases increased even further in April.

The Bank of Israel reported that its foreign currency reserves dropped \$75 million in March, but rose \$3 million in April. But the bank did not report that American aid payments had been transferred ahead of schedule to prevent a sharp drop in reserves. The \$250 million for the Lavi aircraft was transferred in March, and another multi-million dollar aid payment was made in April.

Damascus 'disinterested'

Early release of captives unlikely

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defense Correspondent

No headway has been made in securing the release of the three Israeli diplomatic officials taken captive in Lebanon on Tuesday, all channels to Damascus being blocked by Syrian disinterest.

Officials last night were extremely pessimistic that any progress will be made in the near future. The government had resigned itself that the three will be released only as part of an overall prisoner-of-war exchange. (Photo on Page 2.)

Though details of what happened are still sketchy, it has emerged that the three reached a Syrian roadblock on the coastal road, but managed to retreat to a Lebanese roadblock several hundred metres south after it became apparent to them that they had made a mistake.

The three are: Shmuel Roza, Nahum Neshet and Eran Florentin. Defence Ministry and Foreign Ministry officials yesterday emphatically denied that the three were on a military mission.

A Defence Ministry spokesman called a Syrian claim that the three were saboteurs on a spying mission "absurd," and reiterated that they had inadvertently crossed the Syrian-controlled territory while on an innocent drive along the coastal road north of Jounieh.

"If the three were spies," a source told *The Jerusalem Post* last night, "they would never have been caught while driving through a Syrian roadblock. We are slightly more sophisticated than that," he said.

The Lebanese held the three for over three hours, before handing them over to the Syrians, despite an order from the Lebanese chief-of-staff not to do so. The handover decision was taken by the local garrison commander, apparently after coming under severe pressure from the Syrians.

Sources in the Foreign Ministry said UN involvement in negotiations for the release of the three is unlikely.

The sources also strongly indicated that the burden of communications between Jerusalem and Damascus on the issue has fallen on the U.S., with the French role being minimal.

Cement truck kills pregnant woman

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — A woman in her ninth month of pregnancy was run over by a cement truck and killed here yesterday morning as she was crossing a street in front of her home.

Perla Azran, 24, was carrying her three-year-old son Yossi as well, but she managed to toss him out of the car at the last minute, and he suffered a broken leg.

Police are investigating the accident, which apparently occurred when the truck suddenly began travelling backwards from a parking space.

Paris explosions injure at least 12

PARIS (Reuters). — At least 12 people were injured when two explosions blasted a cafe and a nearby Armenian monument in a suburb of Paris yesterday, police said.

A speech by a French minister at the dedication of the monument to dead Armenians last Sunday sparked a diplomatic row between France and Turkey.

Secretary of State for Public Security Joseph Franceschi accused Turkey of "obliterating the historical reality of Armenia" by refusing to acknowledge that 1.5 million Armenians were massacred in Turkey in 1915.

NEWS BACKGROUND/Aaron Sittner

At midnight tomorrow, it's 1 a.m.

Summer time — for a 16-week trial period — comes into effect at midnight tomorrow, with Interior Ministry sources seeing "no problems so far."

The change means Israelis will set their clocks and watches ahead one hour, making Saturday midnight into Sunday 1 a.m. Summer time ends at midnight Saturday, August 25.

The time change results from an order signed in February by Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who personally opposes the idea on religious grounds because business establishments operating on Saturday nights may not wait until dark, when the Sabbath ends, to open.

Burg explained that he was signing the order "because it is better that I issue such an order, inaugurating summer time for a test period, than to buck public pressure and have a majority in the Knesset pass a law compelling me to do so."

At the Interior Ministry, the summer time coordinator — deputy director general Ya'acov Markowitz — told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday: "We see no problems so far. The only complaints have been from the Independence Day organizing committee, which would have preferred that events not end at a very late hour, and from synagogues, whose study and worship schedules will be upset."

"Since the change is for a trial period, I have asked several government ministries to determine whether summer time is advantageous, or not. For example, the Energy Ministry will let us know if there are savings in fuel consumption. Industry and Trade Ministry people will tell us how retail business is affected, and from the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry we should learn if worker productivity is affected."

El Al spokesman Nahman Klie-man said yesterday that "no problems are foreseen" in the change. A few departure times have been altered to enable these flights to fit into schedules of connecting flights abroad. Similar changes have been made in some Israeli-bound El Al flights, for the same reason.

Summer time existed in this country for 10 years, under a law carried over from the British Mandate. But it was dropped in 1958 as a result of opposition from Orthodox circles. A few years ago, MK Akiva Nof (Likud-Herut) proposed re-instatement of summer time in a private member's bill. This was approved, but another private member's bill — by Agudat Yisrael's Yehuda Abramowitz — vested the authority to declare summer time solely in the minister of interior. This bill, too, was approved.

With Burg refusing to proclaim summer time, several individuals applied to the High Court in an attempt to force him to do so, citing a report (Continued on Page 3)

Black Hebrew leader linked to top Jackson campaigner

Jerusalem Post Reporter

DIMONA. — The leader of the Black Hebrew cult here maintains close ties with American Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, who has attracted considerable attention lately with his controversial support of U.S. presidential hopeful Jesse Jackson.

Interviewed by *The Jerusalem Post* here this week, Ben-Ami Carter admitted that he maintains a "close dialogue" with Farrakhan. "We compare teachings and prophecies," he said. But he dissociated himself from a recent radio speech in which Farrakhan reportedly called Hitler "a very great man."

According to a recent defector from the Black Hebrew group, however, the connection involves much more than a mere dialogue. A mutual friend named Tiamo serves as a courier, bringing information in both directions, money from the U.S. to Israel and "other things in and out of here," said Melvyn Coleman — formerly Shamur Ben-Israel. Coleman charged that the Black Hebrews are "very pro-Arab," and alleged that Carter has sent feelers to leaders of Moslem-connected African countries and tried to establish close contacts with black Arabs and Beduin in Israel.

Carter denies having Arab ties and points to letters of thanks from army units which Black Hebrew groups entertained during the war. But an army spokesman insisted that Black Hebrew groups never appeared in coordination with the IDF chief education officer, who is responsible for entertainment in the army.

Details of the Carter-Farrakhan relationship and other new disclosures concerning the closed community, whose members have lived in Dimona and other Negev towns for 14 years, will appear in a two-part investigative series in *The Jerusalem Post* beginning on Sunday.

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Independence Day starts early for tourists

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Independence Day celebrations began last night for some 2,000 tourists, with the rehearsal for the torch-lighting ceremony at Mt. Herzl which will mark the beginning of the festive day.

The tourists received tickets to the rehearsal through the Government Tourist Office and their hotels. A few hundred tourists, most of whom requested tickets far in advance, will watch the ceremony itself on Sunday night.

Memorial Day for Fallen Israel Defence Forces soldiers will begin tomorrow night preceding the independence celebrations. At 8:30 p.m. a siren will sound, marking one mi-

nute of remembrance for the fallen. At the same time, a memorial flame will be kindled on Mt. Herzl in the presence of President Chaim Herzog, and similar memorial ceremonies will be held throughout the country.

On Sunday a siren will sound at 11 a.m. to mark the opening of memorial meetings at military cemeteries and at monuments throughout the country.

On Sunday night the traditional torch-lighting ceremony will be held at the beginning of Independence Day. Throughout the country, the holiday will be celebrated with fireworks and outdoor performances.

In Jerusalem, the events will include a carillon concert at the

YMCA and a concert at the Jerusalem Theatre. On Monday, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mayor Teddy Kolek will hold a reception for the public at the Citadel.

Army camps, military industries and Nahal outposts will be open to the public throughout the day on Monday. The day's events will also include the awarding of the Israel Prizes and the annual Bible Competition for Jewish Youth.

Leonard Bernstein will conduct an outdoor concert on Monday evening in Jerusalem's Sultan's Pool, complete with fireworks. Tickets for the concert for tourists are available at Government Tourist Information Offices in the capital.

The National Parks Authority

announced that all parks will be open on Independence Day. Families visiting more than one national park on Independence Day will receive a reduction in the admission fee at the second park.

Some 400 Arab notables and heads of councils from the Triangle were guests yesterday at a pre-Independence Day reception in Netanya sponsored by the Prime Minister's office.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim represented the government at the reception. In his remarks, Nissim said he hopes for a year of peace and cooperation between the various communities in the country.

Oriental refreshments were served, and Arab music played.

2 found murdered in Ramallah area

RAMALLAH (Itim). — Two persons in the Ramallah area were murdered in the last 48 hours.

A 76-year-old woman from the village of Silwad was found dead in a field on Wednesday night. Police say there were signs of violence on her body and believe that she was murdered in a quarrel between two families over land.

Yesterday an 18-year-old youth from the village of Butrus was found murdered. Police, who arrested nine suspects, believe that he was killed in revenge for the murder of a villager by a member of his family.

Israel Bonds adds 140 synagogues to drive

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israel Bonds organization has added 140 U.S. synagogues to its programme of selling bonds during the High Holidays, representatives of the organization said yesterday. Close to 1,000 synagogues in North America held High Holiday bonds appeals in 1983.

Several Israelis who took part in the drive to expand the programme said in a press conference yesterday that they feel contact with the additional Jewish communities is even more important than the sale of bonds. Among the participants were Ben-Gurion University chancellor Yosef Tekoa, Foreign Ministry legal adviser Elyakim Rubinstein, and Bar-Ilan University vice-president Matityahu Adler.

FILMS. — Eighty foreign and Israeli films not previously shown in Israel will be shown during a festival opening on May 27 at the Jerusalem Cinematheque.

SUMMER TIME

(Continued from Page One)

that the U.S. saves about 2 per cent on its fuel imports as a result of its summer time.

Faced with a show-cause order from the High Court, Burg appointed a committee of experts headed by former Labour Minister Moshe Baram to study the subject and to make recommendations.

Last January, the committee reported to Burg that the overwhelming majority of the individuals and bodies who testified before it favoured the idea. The committee then recommended that it be tested.

An \$8.8m. annual savings in electricity generating costs was foreseen by Energy Ministry spokesmen, who asked that summer time cover the April-September period. The estimate is based on the cost of producing the 104 million kilowatt-hours which would be saved.

The Ports Authority said summer time would save it approximately IS800,000 in electricity costs alone, besides affording an extra work hour on Friday which would increase revenue. Also, work accidents would be reduced.

The Productivity Institute "unhesitatingly" backed summer time, for the five-month June-October period. It said a worker's output and working comfort are directly correlated with temperature, humidity and air circulation in his immediate surroundings. Therefore, the earlier a person starts work in the hot summer months, the more he will produce. The institute forecasts an increase of one to two per cent in worker output under summer time.

Energy conservation was the main advantage put forward by the Manufacturers Association. Since more and more factories are being cooled by air conditioners, summer time would mean one hour less in their operation costs. Also, about 43 per cent of the country's manufacturing plants have already gone over to a five-day week, which calls for a nine-hour workday instead of the former eight-hour day. If that extra hour includes the cooler first hour, so much the better for production.

The Ministry for Religious Affairs' opposition to summer time was based mainly on the fear of Sabbath violation. Other reasons: difficulties, not critical ones, for Orthodox Jews who attend daily synagogue prayers early in the morning, an extra hour of fasting on the fast days of Tammuz 17 and Av 9 and disruptions in evening Tora study schedules.

In an interview with *The Post* yesterday, Abramowitz, who is now Interior Ministry deputy director-general, said: "I am saddened by the fact that Burg yielded to the pressure and proclaimed summer time."

"Besides leading to intentional or inadvertent Sabbath desecration as well as inconvenience for observant Jews, it will also add to the pressure on the public transport companies."

"From a legal standpoint, Burg had no cause for concern — regardless of the High Court suit — since his prerogative to rule on summer time is written into law, the bill that I introduced and which was approved by the Knesset."

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Police find ammo in Libyan safe

LONDON. - Police, winding up their search of the former Libyan Embassy, said yesterday they had discovered thousands of rounds of ammunition locked in a safe.

Scotland Yard officers were still inside the building yesterday, nearly a week after it was evacuated by its 30 Libyan occupants at the end of an 11-day siege.

Soviet mathematician declines to leave U.S.

WASHINGTON (Reuters). - The U.S. dismissed as "ridiculous" on Wednesday Soviet charges that the U.S. is preventing a Soviet mathematician from returning home.

State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said the scholar, Sergei Kozlov, had decided himself not to board the plane on which he was to have left, "a fact the Soviets knew full well."

He told reporters: "The Soviet statement contains charges that are simply untrue... The charge that we have prevented Kozlov's departure from the U.S. is ridiculous."

The official Soviet news agency Tass said Wednesday the Foreign Ministry had protested that Kozlov, who was on an academic exchange programme in California, had been subjected to "repeated humiliating interrogation sessions."

Korean students clash with police on campuses

SEOUL (AP). - More than 1,000 students clashed with riot police yesterday at Seoul's Sungkyunkwan University, denouncing the government of President Chun Doo Hwan and calling for democratic reforms.

The confrontation, another in a series that have erupted on South Korean campuses this spring, came shortly after Pope John Paul II arrived here and was met by Chun and other ranking government and church officials.

At Sogang University, a Catholic-run school in Seoul that the pope is scheduled to visit tomorrow, police also used tear gas to break up an attempt by about 800 students to march off the campus, witnesses said.

Couple convicted of letting baby die

PURCELL, Oklahoma (AP). - A fundamentalist couple have been convicted of manslaughter for letting their 3-year-old son die of pneumonia without medical treatment.

Jamie Funkhouser, 23, said she and her husband, Kevin, 28, had not taken their son to a doctor before his death on July 15 because, "I wanted God's will to be done."

A jury deliberated for an hour Tuesday and found the pair guilty of the crime, which carries a penalty of up to four years in prison and a \$1,000 fine. The panel recommended two-year prison sentences for the Funkhousers, who will be sentenced June 6.

Defence attorney Brian Dell said he would appeal the outcome on religious grounds, but district attorney Tully McCoy said the issue was the child's death and not the parents' religion.

"It's irrelevant why they acted. The fact is they allowed him to die," McCoy said.

Benjamin died after his parents followed the doctrine of the Church of the First Born in not seeking medical treatment for his illness. Church elders prayed for Benjamin instead and anointed him with oil.

Democratic trend discernible in Latin America

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). - Simultaneous elections in three Latin American countries on Sunday indicate a steady move towards democracy in a region better known for coups than for polls.

Presidential elections scheduled in El Salvador, Panama and Ecuador seem part of a growing trend away from military governments, however fragile the democracies may appear to be.

Over the past few years, the military has returned to barracks in Peru, Bolivia and Argentina, yielding to popular pressure or capitulating before worsening economic problems.

Elections are due this year in Guatemala, now ruled by the military, and in Uruguay. They are also due in Nicaragua, for the first time since the Sandinist rebels took power in 1979.

The El Salvador poll is billed as the first free presidential election in 50 years, although leftist guerrillas waging a four-year-old war against the government are boycotting the poll, denouncing it as a farce.

Panamanians are electing a president for the first time in 16 years. Opposition politicians, however, feel the national guard will remain the dominant force in the country and may step in if the election results are not to their liking.

The presidential elections in Ecuador will be only the second since a military junta handed over power to civilians in 1979.

In Latin American countries during the 1970s, the military stepped in to crush what they termed leftist subversion.

But the political withdrawal of the Argentine armed forces after their defeat in the 1982 Falklands (Malvinas) war with Britain has put pressure on the few remaining military rulers in South America to follow suit.

Chilean President General Augusto Pinochet, who took power more than 10 years ago and has vowed to stay until at least 1989 has faced an unabating wave of angry protests for a year.

He has said congressional elections due in 1990 could be brought forward. A government-appointed

Massive drought looms over Ethiopia's millions

ADDIS ABABA (Reuters). - Several million Ethiopians could die as a result of an unprecedented drought now afflicting the country, a senior government official said yesterday.

Dawit Wolde Gorgise, head of the country's relief and rehabilitation commission, told Reuters that unless massive international assistance is forthcoming, "the majority of the 52 million people affected by the worst drought in years could die."

Soviet Union to launch Indian satellite in 1986

NEW DELHI (AP). - Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said yesterday that the Soviet Union has signed a \$7.5 million contract to launch an Indian satellite in 1986.

U.S. Navy rescues 40 Vietnam refugees

BANGKOK (Reuters). - Forty Vietnamese refugees, rescued at sea by the U.S. destroyer O'Brien earlier this week, have arrived in Thailand, U.S. Naval officials said yesterday.

They said the 11 men, 14 women and 15 children, were rescued on April 29 in the Gulf of Thailand about 160 kilometres north of Singapore.

The refugees had been at sea for three days in an 11-metre wooden vessel. "When picked up they had no food, water or fuel," the officials said.

Michelangelo statue won't make trip to U.S.

ROME (Reuters). - The Arts Ministry has blocked the departure of a Michelangelo masterpiece that was due to leave yesterday for an exhibition in the U.S.

The two-metre marble statue of "Christ with the Cross" was due to go on display in the Vatican pavilion at an international exhibition in New Orleans.

The ministry said it had blocked the move until it determines if the trip is safe. Fulvio Carlo Argan, art historian and former Communist mayor of Rome, said the trip would be dangerous. Letting the statue go would be "an unimaginable scandal."

A few months ago the Italian government blocked a U.S. request for a loan of statues, saying that a group of ancient Greek statues were too delicate to go on display in Los Angeles during the Olympics this summer.

Collapse of Cairo house kills at least 20

CAIRO (AP). - At least 20 people were killed and more than two dozen injured early yesterday when an old four-storey residential building collapsed in a crowded residential district of Cairo, police said.

The officials said the building housed 20 families with a total of 70 people. Each family lived in a single room, they said.

Yesterday afternoon rescue teams continued to search the rubble for the 11 residents not yet accounted for.

The state-run Middle East News Agency reported the house had been ordered demolished "some time ago."

Iran treating Baha'is 'like Nazis treated the Jews'

WASHINGTON (Reuters). - Iran's treatment of the minority Baha'is faith is "sickeningly reminiscent" of the way Jews were treated in Nazi Germany, a congressional hearing was told yesterday.

Assistant Secretary of State Elliot Abrams told the hearing on religious persecution in Iran that human rights violations against the Baha'is were among the worst in the world.

"Viewing the Baha'is as heretics and a potential fifth column for the U.S. or Israel, the Khomeini regime has robbed the Baha'is of their rights as citizens in a way sickeningly reminiscent of Nazi Germany's treatment of German Jews before the Holocaust," he said.

Abrams said the U.S. is doing what it can to help and has tried to arouse world opinion, but Western Europe and Japan appear reluctant to endanger their commercial interests in Iran by becoming involved.

Soviets charged with genocide in Afghanistan

MAINZ, West Germany (AP). - An East German seeking asylum here after she fled Afghanistan charged on Wednesday that Soviet troops were committing "genocide" there by destroying entire villages in bombing raids.

Kristin Beck said in an interview on West German television that during her five-day journey over the Afghan mountains with Moslem insurgents smuggling her to Pakistan, "Every village we came to was completely destroyed."

Beck, 24, arrived in West Germany on April 16, about a month after her escape from Afghanistan, where she was a student. She is now living with an unidentified family and continuing her studies.

She gave no specific details of her flight from the Afghan capital of Kabul to Islamabad.

Sikh temple siege lifted after 3 killed in attack

NEW DELHI. - Three people were killed and two wounded on Wednesday night when Sikh gunmen attacked a Punjab parliamentarian from Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's ruling Congress Party, police said yesterday.

Later, around the Sikh holy city of Amritsar, police and paramilitary troops lifted their eight-day siege of three Sikh temples apparently averting a threatened showdown with Sikh "do or die" squads.

Lakha Singh, a Congress member of Punjab's parliament, was supervising wheat harvesting at his farm near the Sikh holy city of Amritsar when the gunmen struck.

During a 10-minute gun battle, two of them were killed, along with Singh's personal bodyguard. The politician and another bodyguard, provided by the government to protect all Punjab parliamentarians and other people on an extremist list, were wounded.

The siege of the temples was lifted after an agreement was worked out between state officials and local leaders of the Sikhs' main political party, the Akali Dal, United Nations of India reported. Hundreds of trapped worshippers then began leaving the shrines in Moga, about 100 km southeast of Amritsar, in mid-afternoon.

The Akali Dal had issued an ultimatum Wednesday from the Golden Temple in Amritsar, saying Sikhs and their priests would send "do or die" squads to lift the siege if police did not leave by today.

Golden Temple sources said yesterday that the action would now be called off. (Reuters, AP)

Sports

SOCCER PREVIEW

Haifa's challenge

By PAUL KOHN
Port Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Soccer fans will be following closely how Maccabi Haifa's challenge to Betar Jerusalem for the National League championship title shapes further up tomorrow afternoon. Only two points now separate the leading contestants and every point won or lost by either may be of crucial importance.

The Haifaites appear to have the tougher task of the day, playing away against the in-form Maccabi Jaffa, who won 3-1 in Lod last week. Jaffa have moved up the table into 11th place after seeming a few short weeks ago doomed to Second Division soccer. But no team in the country is in such confident form as Maccabi Haifa, especially after their 2-1 win over Beitar last weekend.

Zahi Ameli, Moshe Selektor and Baruch Maman are dangerous to any defence, and 40-year-old "granddad" Mutzi Leon and his defenders will have to be in peak form to hold the visitors.

On the other hand, Betar Jerusalem appear to have a relatively "easy" home match, against 13th placed Maccabi Yavne. But it will not have escaped coach David Schwartz that Yavne beat Hapoel Tel Aviv 1-0 last week, diminishing their title hopes.

SCOREBOARD

BOXING: Israel's Moshe Segalov who fights in the flyweight division was knocked out in the second round and lost his quarter final bout to Cuban Pedro Reyes in a prestigious international amateur tournament in West Germany.

SOCCER: Notts County grabbed a life-line to their English First Division status when they defeated Wolves (already relegated) 4-0 in a mid-week fixture. In the Second Division, Huddersfield 0, Sheffield Weds. 1.

Girodine of Bordeaux defeated Rennes 2-0 on the final night of fixtures to capture their first French championship in 34 years. They edged Monaco on goal difference.

Friendly International - Switzerland 0 Sweden 0.

TENNIS: Top seeds Chris Evert and Andrea Jaeger made steady progress towards a meeting in the final of the \$150,000 South African women's Open in Johannesburg.

BASKETBALL: Slavia Milano and Real Madrid Turin have advanced easily into the semi-finals of the playoffs for the Italian league title. Real defeated Olimpia Jollycolombiana 85-70 and Slavia defeated Varese 85-70.

SQUASH: Egyptian Majid Soud caused a shock at the Hongkong Invitation event, putting out New Zealander Stuart Davenport, a semi-finalist in the last world Open, in straight games in their first round encounter.

Giants snap out of slump

NEW YORK (AP). - The San Francisco Giants snapped their nine-game losing streak on Wednesday, longest in Major League baseball this year, with a 4-3 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Giants

came from behind twice to beat the National League West leaders, the second time on a pinch RBI single by AL Oliver in the eighth inning, to stop their longest losing streak since 1951 when the club was in New York. The eighth-inning rally was off relievers Tom Niedenfuer, 0-2 and Carlos Diaz. Gary Lavelle, 2-3, got the victory, working two hitless innings to complete a combined four-hitter.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco 4 Los Angeles 3; St. Louis 3 Pittsburgh 1; Cincinnati 3 Houston 2; Montreal 3 Philadelphia 2; New York 4 Chicago 3; San Diego at Atlanta rain.

England bow out of Wales

WREXHAM, Wales (Reuters). Mark Hughes of Manchester United made the last-ever British soccer championship match between England and Wales a sad one, for England when he headed the only goal to give the Welsh a 1-0 victory here on Wednesday night.

Hughes, 20, was making his full international debut after some fine club performances recently and he made Bobby Robson's sub-standard side pay for a pitiful performance. England's decision to withdraw from the tournament seemed to sting the fiery Welsh and the Chelsea pair Joey Jones and Mickey Thomas put a bite into their tackles which persistently halted England in their attacks.

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THE CAMPAIGN for the 11th Knesset are underway, with the voters asked to choose between the Likud and the Labour Alignment, so why should anyone cast his or her vote for a small party like Shinui, the two-MK centre faction? Mordechai Virshubski, the lawyer who has made his name as an energetic member of the 9th and 10th Knessets, holds that the coming elections will serve as a contest not just between parties, but between two ideological camps divided over the shape of the Jewish state.

Shinui, which is the only survivor of the protest movements born of the Yom Kippur War, is today an integral part of the politically moderate, anti-clerical and non-chauvinist camp. Shinui would very much like to see Labour forming the next coalition and will do its best to help it attain power, in order to offset the growing influence of the ultra-nationalist, mystical-religious forces.

At the same time, Virshubski speaks of the Labour Alignment's being composed of a variety of political elements, including many hawks, and deplores the fact that Labour does not seem to have changed much. Despite all he finds positive in the Alignment, Virshubski feels that the bigger party did not utilize its seven years in the opposition properly, and laments Labour's readiness to form a national unity government with the Likud after Menachem Begin stepped down from the premiership.

Notwithstanding his reservations, Virshubski says he would certainly prefer Labour as a partner in the vital task of getting back on the course of enlightened Zionism and orderly democracy.

"The voter for Shinui will first of all cast his or her ballot for a list belonging to the camp that regards Labour as the principal governing party. At the same time, the voter will strengthen the role of Shinui as the watchdog of democracy, which has proven by its records that it stands fast by its principles in a way that no other party does."

Shinui has the reputation of being a fiercely independent centre party, which survived its partnership in the defunct Democratic Movement for Change (DMC). Shinui's leader, Prof. Amnon Rubinstein, preferred to stand by his principles and turn down the Justice portfolio in Menachem Begin's first government.

Expanding on his complaints against Labour, Virshubski said that voters could hardly forget that the former party of government set the precedent of capitulating to Agudat Yisrael over the questions of military service for religious girls and the thousands of students at Agudat Yeshivot. He very much doubted that Labour would change its line in this sphere if it returned to office, and argued that by voting for Shinui, like-minded people would ensure that a strengthened watchdog would be on hand to encourage those Labour

MKs opposing any sell-out to the Orthodox.

He cited the experience of the 9th Knesset to illustrate Labour's over-readiness to court the religious parties. For example, the fiasco of rabbinical elections came about through the Chief Rabbinate Council Law enacted in 1980 as a result of a deal between Labour and the NRP, without involving the Likud, because this kind of legislation was part and parcel of the "historic partnership" between Mapai and Mizrahi. This cooperation also produced the law for the prevention of fraud in Kashrut which, Virshubski argued, was really aimed at buttressing the monopoly of the Orthodox establishment.

He was particularly irate that insufficient Alignment support had been forthcoming to ensure equality between the three trends of Judaism in Israel. On numerous occasions, Shinui had sought to initiate legislation according to the Conservative and Reform movements equality with the Orthodox, but had always failed to muster the support of the mainstream of Labour, only Mapam and a few MKs, such as Tamar Eshel and Shulamit Aloni.

It was even more regrettable that MKs from the United Kibbutz Movement, like Avraham Katz-Or, Ya'acov Tsur, and ex-MK Danny Rosolio refused to back the Shinui initiative for religious tolerance, although the movement paid lip service to this cause and preached it whenever they sought moral and material support from U.S. Jewry.

Virshubski highlighted another area where he had found Labour lacking, and that was in the case of Tami leader Aharon Abuhatzzeira. While he was serving his jail sentence, Virshubski had striven for legislation to prevent a convicted law-breaker ever becoming a law-maker or a cabinet minister, but only a minority in the Labour faction supported him. "And," he added indignantly, "what happened was that once Abuhatzzeira got out of jail back onto the government front bench, he decided when our next elections should be held."

He was upset that not enough had been done by the 10th Knesset to make rules for the behaviour of public figures and to prevent MK lobbyists being involved in conflict-of-interest situations. And he took strong objection to the state financing of parties and making election day a public holiday.

"In this important area," he charged, "the Likud and Labour share equal blame, with the latter having failed to utilize its years on the opposition benches to repair the situation." He thought that a party that criticizes the Likud for wasting public money might have joined Shinui in its campaign to reduce the state financing of the parties.

ASTO FOREIGN and defence policy, Virshubski noted that generally speaking, Shinui was closer to

Watchdog of democracy

Shinui MK Mordechai Virshubski (right) talks to the Post's Political Correspondent Mark Segal about the significance of his two-man Knesset faction.



Labour than to the Likud, but felt it was necessary to offset the influence of hawkish elements in Labour that were not all that far away from the Likud on many issues.

"If you vote Labour you also send its hawks to the Knesset, where they will join the Likud in supporting settlements in the West Bank and Gaza. After all, where did the initiative for the Golan Law come from, if not from Labour's hawks?" The clear distinction on settlement policy between Labour and Shinui was that the former still clung to the Allon Plan, while the latter objected to settling the West Bank and Gaza.

As regards the war in Lebanon, the two Shinui MKs split in the first week of the operation. While Rubinstein voted with the government, he himself dissented. However, he hastened to point out, their disagreement vanished from the second week onwards, when theirs were among the loudest voices calling for the cessation of the war. Shinui was the catalyst, he recalled, in the establishment of the enquiry into the Sabra and Shatilla atrocity. "That is a first-class example of the influence a small party can wield," he pointed out.

He admitted that the Labour Party mainstream was for territorial compromise in order to reach an accommodation with the Arab states, but, he said, "the party contains hawkish elements who are not wholeheartedly for the party position. By helping us to grow, the voters will strengthen the Labour Party mainstream. One could say that Shinui is the insurance policy that Labour will keep faith with its traditional policy."

TALKING OF his party's record in the 10th Knesset, he asserted: "We

have certainly honoured our commitments to the electorate during the past three years. We have certainly acted as the watchdog over democracy and the observance of parliamentary norms.

"We have made an impact out of all proportion to our numbers. I doubt if any other party has really given such thought to its MKs' personal example and political integrity."

To a comment on his popularity with the general public Virshubski responded wistfully: "It's a pity I can't translate personal liking into votes."

At this juncture he warned: "If by chance we should vanish from the scene, there will be no one else to continue with our work."

Moreover, he stressed, "It's not enough to remain a two-man faction. We must grow if we are to do justice to our cause. After all, two MKs are not just two hands raised at voting time. We are also members of committees, and because of the faction's size we sit on too few. I think we have done very well in our two committees, Amnon in the Economic Committee and myself on the Law Committee."

"If, for example, we had just one more MK, we would be entitled to representation on the House Committee, which not only sets parliamentary norms, but votes on such crucial matters as who should be state comptroller, or on state financing for parties, or the level of MKs' pensions... If we had been on that body, we might have exercised some influence on the course the Knesset followed."

Nevertheless, he said, and despite their absence from the Interior Committee, they had succeeded in influencing such areas as local government, environmental quality, police and prison administration. This had been due to their gadfly behaviour and their legislative initiatives. "If we had actually been sitting on the Interior Committee, we could have done just that much more. That's why it's so essential we should grow."

THE RAISON D'ETRE of Shinui remains its crusade to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Israel, and its prime interest has always been in domestic matters. However, because of the straits to which the Likud government has reduced the country, it was obliged to focus on foreign and defence affairs. The 53-year-old Virshubski would like to pioneer a large-scale reform of local government legislation, much of which is a legacy of the British Mandate, and even the Ottoman Empire.

Before entering politics, he was a legal adviser to the city of Tel Aviv-Jaffa, and last year was elected a municipal councillor. He is chairman of the Israel-America Cultural Foundation and chairman of the Israel Institute of Music. His musical expertise coupled with his wry humour have made him a popular figure on radio and television.

Why, I wondered, had Shinui never joined forces with Shulamit Aloni and her Civil Rights Movement? "I really like her," he said. "She is a good friend of mine. She is a first-class MK. Her main interest has always been in civil rights and reli-

gious coercion, but not much in other major areas, such as economics. She does a lot within her specific range, while we engage in broader areas."

"Back in 1981, we offered to set up a joint Knesset bloc with Shula, so that as a faction of three members we could obtain better representation on the Knesset Committee and do more to attain our common aims. However, her comrades did not want to combine with us, and instead opted to join forces with the Labour Alignment, in order to give it equality with the Likud in the Knesset."

"Now, three years later, her people are switching direction once more, and talking of combining forces. We don't want another go at another DMC. We've been through that already! Such parties never last. Naturally, however, we will be only too happy to co-operate in the next Knesset."

Speaking of the prolonged negotiations with ex-Liberal minister Yitzhak Berman, Virshubski related that a year and a half ago, Shinui offered both him and his ally Dror Zeigerman the prospect of forming a faction, once they quit the Likud, which they were then threatening to do. After all, as Virshubski argued, a four-man faction can play an influential role, witness Agudat Yisrael. However the two Liberals turned down the idea, and "so a serious opportunity was lost. Now, Berman is talking of joining with us shortly before the elections. It won't work, and it certainly won't seem credible."

VIRSHUBSKI was anxious to emphasize a major distinction between Shinui and the Labour Alignment: it was not a socialist party, nor did its leadership come from a socialist background.

"That does not mean we don't have a strong position on the need for social justice, but between that and the socialist ideology there is a considerable difference. We are also very much opposed to the political identification of the Histadrut. We find it highly objectionable that the economic enterprises of the Histadrut should serve the Labour Party, and our people in the Histadrut Executive strive to change that situation. In that, we certainly differ from Labour."

"At the same time, you might say we are certainly prospective partners for a coalition government led by the Alignment, because it is preferable to the Likud's foreign and defence policies and the brutal way it runs the country."

As examples, he launched into a diatribe against the former finance minister, Yoram Aridor, passing from that to "the Likud's ruthless conduct of the war in Lebanon and the mindless expenditure of national resources on that operation."

Mention of the war brought him to Ariel Sharon, whom he described as "a great danger to our democracy." "But that's not news for us," he went on. "I'm thankful that finally Yitzhak Shamir and David Levy have become aware of it too. They'll have to tackle him before he destroys them. In a way, Sharon's near-victory at the Herut central committee might be a blessing in disguise."

because it has awakened people to the very real threat that he poses. It's like the early discovery of cancer in the human organism, when treatment can still save the body."

THE SHINUI MK confessed that he was concerned by the opinion polls, which indicated a weariness with democracy among some sections of the population. Moreover, he was worried by the tone of the criticism levelled against the Knesset as such. He felt that the Likud and Labour were equally to blame for the decline in the public's esteem for parliamentary institutions.

He regarded the idea of Ezer Weizman as the founder of a new centre party as a bad political joke.

"After all, Weizman jumped from the army into Herut and was Menachem Begin's *mon general* for a long time, and helped to make him premier in 1977, serving in his cabinet for years. He can hardly pretend to belong to the political centre just because he stopped being the darling of the Herut bosses. Yes, I know he was instrumental in bringing about peace with Egypt, but you can't found a political party on that alone. He's just a political prima donna who's managed to collect some groupies, offering the electorate a poor man's DMC based on some very rich people and money largely donated abroad."

But did not other parties also get money from foreign well-wishers?

"True, and I think it's high time that we blocked that loophole in the party financing law. The problem is that Weizman, like Tami, is getting money from foreign businessmen, which raises the question whether, if Weizman gets elected to the Knesset and if he becomes a minister, he may not be influenced by such connec-

tions in his future decisions and votes."

SHINUI has already put its campaign machinery together. Its organizer will be the chairman of the party secretariat, Oded Hadass, with Rubinstein in overall charge of information, and Virshubski responsible for radio spots. They have again contracted with the O.K. Advertising Agency, which handled their campaigns in 1981 and 1977. While the two main blocs will have millions at their disposal for their campaigns, Shinui's budget will only run into some hundreds of thousands. Apart from which, under the existing system Shinui will get very little time on the air and screen. Since parties are allocated time according to the number of MKs returned in the last election, Shinui will only get 22 minutes on television and 28 on radio. So electioneering was stacked in favour of the two big parties from the start. Virshubski noted ruefully.

As to the post-election period, while until now Shinui has been categorically opposed to a national unity coalition, if the forthcoming polls should produce a stalemate between the two main party blocs, then the idea of a wall-to-wall coalition will probably gain more legitimacy. For his part, he hopes there will be a clear outcome one way or the other.

"Should the Likud continue to govern, then the nation will deserve a much more aggressive and credible opposition than Labour has offered during the past seven years. However," he concluded, "it isn't true that we are constitutionally committed to the opposition benches. After all, the *raison d'être* of politics is to win power to apply one's programme."



State of Israel

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- * KIRYAT SHAUL: Special from the Central Bus Station, Derech Petah Tikva, Rehov Hanegvev, to the cemetery, from 8.00 a.m. Return after the ceremony.
- * PETAH TIKVA: There will be additional buses on route 49 to Kiryat Shaul.
- * HAIFA: Additional buses on routes 44, 46; special route from Carmel Beach to Tel Aviv, after the ceremony.
- * NAHARIYA: Central Bus Station, Special Trips Platform, to local cemetery at 9.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 10.30 a.m., and return after ceremony; also direct transport to Acre and Haifa.
- * AFULA: Central Bus Station, Special Trips Platform, to local cemetery at 9.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 10.30 a.m., and return after the ceremony.
- * TO ROSH PINA: From Haifa Central Bus Station, platform 33 at 8 a.m., and return after ceremony.
- * BEIT SHE'AN: To Jerusalem non-stop, at 7.30 a.m.
- * TO BEER TUVIA: From Be'er Tuvia, Rehov Hanegvev, Tel Aviv, at 8.30 a.m. and return after ceremony.
- * RAILWAY: From Be'er Tuvia at 8.00 a.m., stopping at Shoham, Zich, Bustan Hagali, Acre (9.13 a.m.), Kiryat Monash (9.25), Kiryat Haim (9.31), Be'er Tuvia (9.45), Haifa Central (9.51), Haifa Bet Ganim (9.57), to a special station opposite Haifa military cemetery.
- * TEL AVIV EXHIBITION GROUNDS: Special private vehicle parking area; bus transport from 8 a.m. from parking area to Kiryat Shaul, and return.

CORRECTION

The following are the correct hours for the multi-screen show at the Jerusalem City Museum, and not as published in "This Week in Jerusalem". English: Weekdays, 8.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 6.30 p.m.

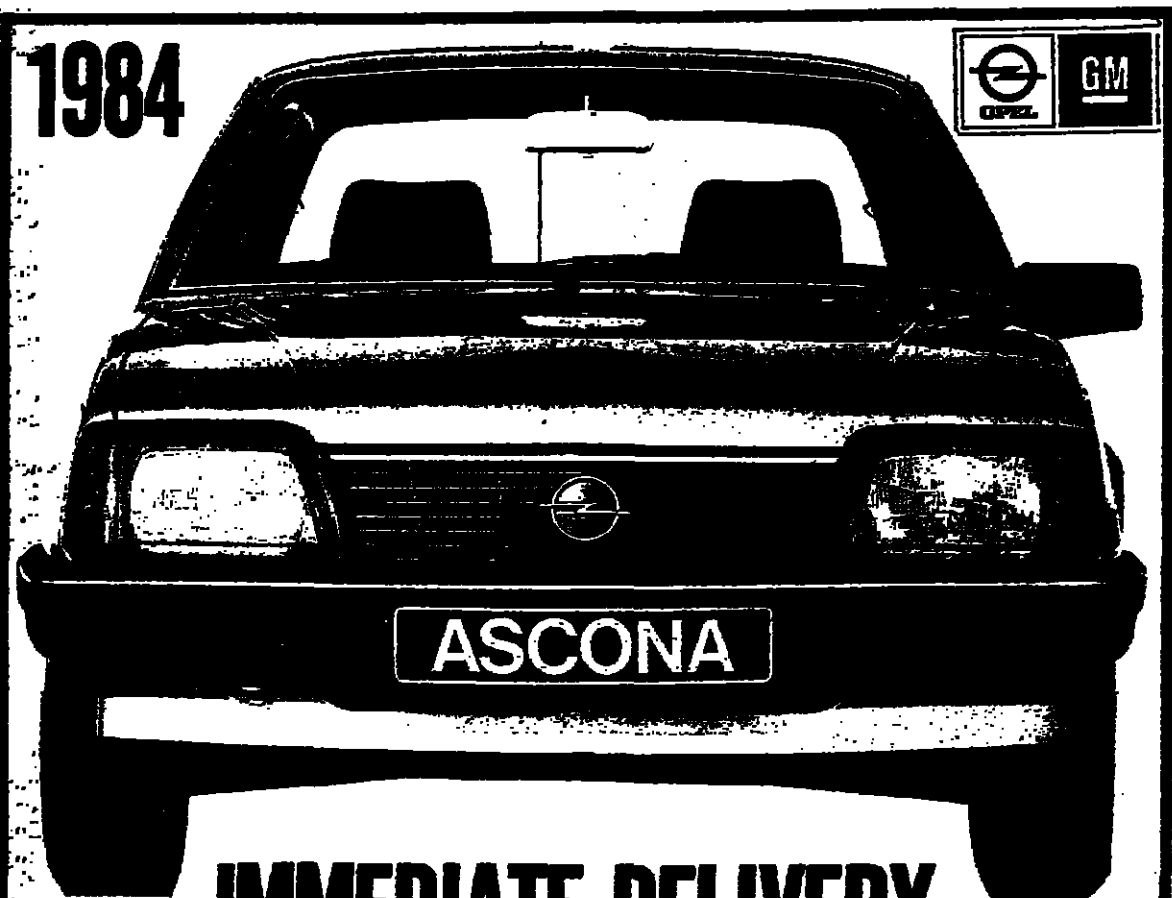
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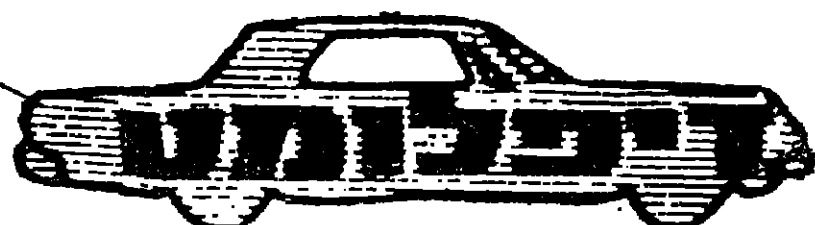


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THE NEW LINE emanating from Metzdudat Ze'ev, Herut's HQ, is that "you should vote Likud in order to save the country from Ariel Sharon."

Knowing that my well-placed source was never an Arik aficionado, I sought further enlightenment, which, as it turned out, is best grasped by someone with talmudic training. It goes like this: If, as is generally predicted, the result on July 23 is a repeat of the 1981 elections — that is, a close tie — and Premier Yitzhak Shamir forms the third Likud coalition government, then, like his predecessor Menachem Begin in 1981, he may have to submit to Arik's demand to make him defence minister in order to maintain his narrow majority.

This threat is even more palpable, the argument goes, because Sharon is sure to install a sizeable contingent of his disciples via the coming internal Herut elections of its Knesset candidates.

Thus, if the Likud receives a comfortable majority, Shamir will not have to submit to Sharon's blackmail and will be able to keep Moshe Arens on at Defence.

According to this line of reasoning, if Labour's Shimon Peres becomes prime minister, Arik would soon enough displace Shamir as Likud leader in the opposition, with the prospect of his becoming premier when and if the Likud is returned to office.

When I sought the views of various informed people on this scenario, I was offered another with a different angle: In the case of a tie between the major blocs, the notion of a grand coalition would be trotted out of the freezer, and sold to Labour as being the only way of keeping Sharon out of defence.

Meanwhile we received an inkling of the kind of election campaign Sharon has in store for us when he addressed his supporters in Herut's

KEEPING SHARON AT BAY



Ariel Sharon (left); Moshe Arens



PUBLIC FACES

Mark Segal

the arrests of the members of the settlers' terrorist cells. Perhaps now Shamir and his colleagues will have second thoughts about the government's continuous glorification of their movements' acts of violence in the pre-independence struggle?

I REMEMBER in particular the incident involving former Italian Ambassador Girolamo Nisio (now in Vienna) and his counsellor Francesco Capece (now in Montreal). They were invited to a Knesset luncheon from the Prime Minister's Office by Deputy Minister Dov Shilansky and Begin's chief aide, Yehiel Kadishai.

When the ambassador and his wife, Ila, and the counsellor and his wife, Countess Clothilde Capece, sat down at the table, they found themselves in the company of many old IZL fighters.

The menu noted that it was in celebration of the 35th anniversary of the blowing up of the British Embassy in Rome. Shilansky and Kadishai commanded that particular operation and had invited the ambassador and his No. 2 in order to express their gratitude to the Italian people for their aid. But they apparently did not think of advising the diplomats in advance, nor of how they would face the British ambassador thereafter. The upshot was that as they left, Countess Capece thanked Shilansky for having blown up her grandmother's former home after her family had sold it to the British.

I wonder if the ex-IZL duo will prepare their homework before making up their next guest list.



Esther Rublin (left); Raya Jaglom



ENERGY MINISTER Yitzhak Moda'i's success in winning the Liberal Party leadership is not only due to his faction's good organization and the weakness of the campaign mounted for Justice Minister Nissim by Tourism Minister Avraham Shari. Part of his triumph is due to his very hard-working spokesman, Avishai Amir, who helped map out his public relations. Now I hear from Charles Levine that his Jerusalem-based communications agency did its bit in the Moda'i campaign, especially in the field of preparing informative brochures for the 247 Liberal Party central committee members.

Incidentally, I gather that when the Moda'i caucus, including Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper, Likud Knesset whip Pinhas Goldstein and Liberal Party council chairman Yitzhak Ka'atani held a private lunch meeting at a Neve Avim restaurant, they found themselves questioned by a group of young women conducting a straw poll for Ha'aretz. The following day, the newspaper headlined the results: "Poll Among Neighbours of Labour Party Chairman Shimon Peres." No wonder the opinion polls lean heavily to the Likud.

ONE REASON for the shock sustained by Nissim, Sharir and company is that Moda'i is a relative newcomer to Liberal politics. He got involved 16 years ago as part of what was known as "the New Force." Moda'i survived in politics, while the others turned to other fields — Dr. Yitzhak Salomon remained at the Weizmann Institute, Dr. Ze'ev Katz became a sociologist at the Hebrew University, while Ma'ariv's editor-in-chief, Yehonatan Ravid, has returned to his newspaper home, after some harassing years as director-general of the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

BY THE WAY, I hear that his successor at the IBA, Begin's old press counsellor Uri Porat, has already proved his worth to the Likud: He has summoned in producer Motti Kirshenbaum to tell him that he is vetoing an Independence Day production of the revived satirical show *Nikolai Rosh*, which in its heyday lampooned mercilessly the late Golda Meir and the late Pinhas Sapir.

THE ENTIRE Herut leadership turned out for a big party put on by its cultural club Yekef, the creation of Herut organizational chief Michael Reiser. The MC was Israel TV's Dan Kaner. Does that mean that Likud clubs are *ultra vires* to Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir's strictures on IBA personnel appearances at political events during the election campaign?

CHANGING TIMES: In past years, the army parade was the focus of Independence Day festivities. This year, the Army Radio — Gali Zahal — under Ron Ben-Ishai's command, announced that Shirutrom, the fund-raising drive, will be the key event.

KNESSET SPEAKER Menachem Savidor may be down, but he's not out. Having been ousted from the Liberals' Knesset list by an intrigue between — he claims — Moda'i and Sharir, he intends to continue at his work until the 11th Knesset elects its Speaker sometime in August. He will have been in office almost three years to the day.

UNCONNECTED with Savidor's departure, Haya Mann, who has been secretary to five speakers, will be quitting after working at the Knesset since its start in 1948. She began as one of six stenographers, serving consecutively as secretary of the House and the Foreign Affairs and Defence committees, before the fourth Speaker, the late Reuven Barkat, appointed her his secretary in 1969. Prior to running Savidor's office, she worked for No. 5, the late Israel Yeshayahu, No. 6, Yitzhak Shamir, and No. 7, Yitzhak Berman.

WITH LESS THAN three months to election day, Yosef Ben-Aharon, Shamir's chief aide and commissar over the foreign service, has prompted his boss to fill in the list of political appointments — Ya'akov Gathai will become our envoy to Colombia; Yehoshua Cohen will be our man in Jamaica, and the hapless decision, Ya'akov Skoler will become consul-general in San Francisco. Assistant director-general Moshe Erell will become the next ambassador to Stockholm, after assistant director-general Ze'ev Sufot turned down the post for personal reasons. Cultural relations unit head David Rivlin, who was vetoed for Stockholm by Shamir at Ben-Aharon's prompting — reportedly, because of his active role in the Labour Party — has been mollified by a letter from Shamir promising him a suitable post "in due course."

CONTESTING a place on the Tel Aviv Labour Party branch's quota of Knesset candidates is radio vet, Dr. Yehudit (Kuti) Sharabi, whose popularity can be gauged by his canvassing among the 501 branch members. Sharabi, who has returned to his newspaper home, after some harassing years as director-general of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, is running for the Knesset on the Labour Party ticket.

Sharabi returned to do party work in the Hatzikva Quarter, where his family settled after immigrating from Yemen after he completed his veterinary studies in Holland. Sharabi has made a name for himself not only on Israel Radio and TV, but also through the Pets First Aid Society he has set up in Greater Tel Aviv.

GALLERY owner Amalia Arbel is this week conducting an art auction in the pets' clinic on Rehov Ben-Yehuda, where Sharabi works with Dr. Amir Bar, to raise money for a pet's ambulance. The ambulance will be commissioned by none other than pet-loving French movie sex cat Brigitte Bardot, whom Dr. Kuti tells me will arrive here next month by boat. Miss Bardot, he tells me, never travels by plane.

NOW THAT Zvi Friedman and his partners of the Keshet-Barel advertising agency opted to conduct Labour's 1984 campaign after being bound to the Likud for the 1981 Knesset and 1983 municipal elections, they've been "divorced" by Roll-Films, which will continue to do Likud TV spots. Its directors are Israel Ringel and ex-Miss Israel Galia Albin, wife of Mickey Albin, who is not only head of tycoon Shaul Eisenberg's Israeli operations, but paymaster of Avraham Shamir's Liberal Party faction.

Labour TV spots will be fashioned by Dan Shilon, of Rimon Communications, while the Tel Aviv branch of Leon Tamman's Jerusalem Capitol Studios will be shared by Aharon Abuhatzefra's Tami and Ezer Weizman's Yahad parties, which is convenient because JCS's Shmuel Shilon works two floors up

from Yahad's HQ in the all-glass Pyramid building. By coincidence, Interior Minister Yosef Burg's National Religious Party has contracted Micha Shapira, of Jerusalem's Kastel Studios to do TV spots — the NRP's headquarters is the old Kastel hotel in Tel Aviv.

PAUL KEDAR, ex-consul-general in New York, who helped settle Beth Hatefutsoth and filled the onerous role of press liaison with the foreign press in Beirut during the war in Lebanon, has come forward to help his old IAF pal Ezer Weizman in his election campaign. Kedari is among the Yahad information directors and helped Aluf (Res.) Avraham Tami draft the party platform.

A HIGHLIGHT of Tel Aviv's 10th anniversary celebrations will be "Rubin's Tel Aviv," an exhibition of paintings of Little Tel Aviv by the late Reuven Rubin at the home of some museum, which was his home.

The inimitable drawing-power of his widow, Esther, was demonstrated yet again by the celebrity crowd in the opening, where tribute to Ben-Zion Rubin and the hostess was paid by Mayor Shlomo (Chick) Lahat. Miss Rubinstein, who runs her late husband's empire, was seen chatting with Tel Aviv Museum director Marc Sauter, who will this week hold a reception in her honour at the museum's Rubinstein Pavilion.

When I asked Chick whether he withdrew his remark that the Likud is a party central committee was a rogues' gallery, he quipped: "Incorrect. I said it's a gallery of rogues' con-men."

ALL THOSE Manhattan pundits who described investment banker Felix Rohatyn as "Felix the Fixer" for having rescued New York from bankruptcy, missed seeing him dance the debka on Monday night along with the villagers of the Yehonatan immigrant moshav Yinnon, near Rehovot.

He was taking a break from his duties as international council chairman of the Israel Museum, and spent the evening roistering with the villagers and his 200 fellow council members, plus his very chic wife, Lilie, and guest David McCintock, author of the Hollywood expose *Indecent Exposure*.

A highlight of the events was a luncheon, chaired by Mayor Teddy Kollek at the museum with such Israeli businessmen as Shimon Kuch (Argaman), Arthur Low (Scitons), Shimon Arlos (Arlos) and Shimon Shalev, taking time off from his New York office and Venezuelan steel plants to oversee his tourist industry interests here.

WORLD WIZO chairman Raya Jaglom lived up to her reputation as one of Israel's top hostesses this week.

On Tuesday, she held a reception at her north Tel Aviv penthouse for the first Wizo mission to the president of Israel. Mission members included heads of the newly formed Wizo-U.S. federation, led by Miami Wizo chairman Lea Freund, formerly of El Salvador.

Last night, Raya Jaglom gave an elegant dinner party in honour of World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman, with such guests as former premier Yitzhak Rabin and his wife, Leah, ex-Israeli Bar Association president Amnon Goldenberg, and Rachel Dayan.

AUSTRIAN PRESS and cultural attaché Barbara Tasser always has an interesting mix of people at her Saturday brunches. Enjoying the sunshine on her Tel Aviv penthouse roof garden last weekend were Labour Party secretary-general Haim Bar-Lev and Mapai's Ezer Granet. The guests congratulated Yehonatan Ravid, columnist and Radio Europe No. 1, on his recent award by French Ambassador Jacques Dupont of the Chevalier of the Order of National Merit in recognition of his work for Franco-Israeli amity.

PRESIDENT CHAIM HERZOG took time off recently to attend the 10th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel.

WHY IS Hadashot not in that body? Gefen says: "The laws require a daily publication for an entire year before it is admitted to the short-lived daily press. The idea is to give it a night publication; there would be no

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



Committee for Independence Day Events
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ISRAEL DEFENCE FORCES

The public is invited to visit army camps, Nahal settlements, the plants of Israel Aircraft Industries and Military Industries, the exhibition of the Israel Armament Development Industry (Rafael), to watch IDF and security establishment films, and to watch parachute jumping:

★ Independence Day, Monday, May 7

Army Camps



- ★ Northern Command — Kordani Camp
- ★ Central Command — Julius Armoured Corps School
- ★ Southern Command — Neve Yaacov Base
- ★ Naval Bases — Natan Camp
- Pelugot Camp
- Haifa
- Ashdod
- Eilat

Defence Plants



★ Israel Aircraft Industries Plants:

- LOD AIRPORT
- Road no. 12, Petah Tikva-Lod, will be one-way: traffic flowing in a north-south direction.
- ELTA, ASHDOD
- ★ Military Industries Plants
- MAALOT
- HAIFA (Tirat)
- MISHOR ADUMIM

★ Rafael Exhibition at the Shlomi Matnas

Visiting hours at army camps (other than naval bases) and defence plants, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. At naval bases, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Entrance to Defence Plants, Army Camps You must show your identity card or passport. No age restrictions. Do not bring a camera.

Nahal Settlements



In celebration of the award to Nahal of the Israel Prize, the following settlements will be opened to the public:

- ★ Namrud (Golan Heights)
- ★ Zuvon (near Sasa)
- ★ Nahal Harish (Nahal Iron)
- ★ Beit Ha'azava (Jericho junction)
- ★ Migdalim (Maaleh Ephraim junction)
- ★ Nahal Adora (Hebron — Dahana road)

There will be a small exhibition about the Nahal at the above locations

INDEPENDENCE DAY,

11.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.

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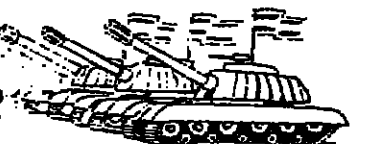
- BEIT DANNY — Hatzikva Quarter
- Beit Elshu Golomb
- Kinyat Sprinkak — Beit Kaplan
- Municipal Museum
- Matnas
- Grand Behar Centre, 10.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m., 4.00-7.00 p.m.

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Army Depots



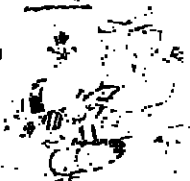
Kiryat Shmona, Maalot, Beit Shean, Shlomi, Kinyat Aza, Ramat Ishai, Lower Galilee Area Headquarters (Golan junction), Hazer, Carmiel, Upper Nazareth, Katzin Givat Olga, Maaleh Yosef Regional Headquarters, Kinyat Arba, Beit Shemesh, Ashkelon, Mevaseret Zion, Or Yehuda, Yavneh, Tel Aviv — Hatzikva Quarter, Herzliya, Rishon LeZion — Ramat Elshu, Netanya, Dimona, Sderot, Beersheba, Eilat, Yeroham, Netivot, Ofakim, Mitzpeh Ramon, Kinyat Gat, Azata Regional Headquarters, Araf, Gush Katif — Gaza District

★ Screening of Defence Establishment Films

EVE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

- TEL AVIV — Shechunat Neve Eliezer
- HAIFA — Kiryat Eliezer Stadium
- Abba Khushi Plaza
- Beit Rothschild
- Beit Yehonatan
- Levon Matnas
- Matnas
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The POST's Yosef Goell describes the history and the workings of the Editors' Committee following the ban this week on HADASHOT.

Marriage of convenience

the committee would soon explode into unmanageable proportions. The rare emergence into the news of the Editors' Committee itself highlights the fact that effective censorship in Israel has always been primarily voluntary censorship on the part of the heads of the profession who traditionally viewed themselves as being in the forefront of the Zionist struggle for independence.

Among the old-timers who populate that body, there is no doubt that even in 1984 the unanimous sentiment is, "I am an Israeli patriot first and a journalist second, if the two identities are ever forced into conflict."

How did it all start? Like nearly everything else, under the Mandate. Marek Gefen recalls that it all grew out of the Reactions Committee of the editors of the Hebrew-language daily press and of the *Jerusalem Post* (forerunner of *The Jerusalem Post*), whose purpose was to counter and outwit the British military censor.

The committee developed into an integral part of the Israeli establishment after independence. Prime ministers and ministers of defence, foreign affairs and occasionally of finance and justice would meet regularly with the editors to make them privy to what was going on.

THE EXPECTATION was that when these officials asked editors to refrain from publishing specific items of news that they had been told, there would be general compliance.

A perusal of the historical sources of those early days of statehood show how the system developed.

The Mandatory emergency regulations on military censorship were applied by David Ben-Gurion in the early days of his premiership. In 1948, he ordered the closure of *Yediot Aharonot* for publishing the news that Menachem Begin's Irgun Zvai Leumi fighters, who had been forced to merge into the newly formed Israel Defence Forces had gone on hunger strike.

On another occasion, Ben-Gurion ordered the closure of *Mapam's Al Hamishmar* for publishing a photograph of the commanders of the Palmach, who had just come up out of the underground.

The other editors protested and Ben-Gurion promised to substitute less draconian Israeli legislation for the Mandatory regulations, a promise that neither he nor his successors ever carried out.

INSTEAD, there was an agreement not to apply the draconian regulations against the established dailies represented in the Editors' Committee. A mechanism was established whereby it was possible to appeal against decisions of the military censor, and such appeals are quite frequent.

More important, however, is that despite the natural friction between the dailies and the censor, there was no resort to the ultimate power of ordering a paper to close down publication for the past 30 years.

Gefen recalls that one of the last cases in which a paper was shut down was that of *Mapam's Hador* in the early 1950s. There was also a celebrated case against the Communist Party's *Kol Ha'am*, and the closure of its Arabic-language publication, *Al-Itihad*, actions which were upheld by the High Court of Justice in the mid-50s.

The *Kol Ha'am* case is a good example for a broad generalization that the informal Editors' Committee substitute for a draconian censorship worked as long as the principals shared a broad consensus with regard to the interpretation of the national interest. The Communist Maki party and its publications were obviously outside that consensus.

Gefen recalls, however, "Kol Ha'am were members of the Editors' Committee for some time, but they were never invited to sensitive security briefings. And I believe they understood the situation and went along with it."

"It's only when (Maki leader and *Kol Ha'am* editor) Moshe Sneh became a born-again Zionist that he was invited to such briefings. But that was towards the end of his life, when Maki had split, and Sneh had danced like a Jewish religious fanatic on the steps of the Machpela Cave in Hebron at the end of the Six Day War."

GEFEN DID NOT mention the other major exceptions: the Arabic-language newspapers of Jerusalem. In content, they are all violently

anti-Israel, and some of them religiously toe the PLO line. Their editors are not members of the Editors' Committee and are treated quite differently — and sometimes harshly — by the censor.

Officially, the Jerusalem in which they publish has been annexed to Israel and they should be considered full-fledged Israeli dailies. The Palestinian editors, of course, reject the annexation, and their designation as Israelis.

Israeli journalists and editors accept their exclusion, and the different treatment they receive from the authorities.

The attitude of the political establishment to the Editors' Committee changed with the Likud take-over in 1977. Gefen says that former prime minister Menachem Begin met with the committee only three times: "It was quite obvious that he was very uncomfortable with the whole thing, despite the fact that Begin fancied himself as a journalist during his long years in the opposition."

"I think what was particularly unpleasant for him was to meet a forum in which editors like Shalom Rosenfeld and Shmuel Schnitzer (of *Ma'ariv*), who had been members of

Begin's Revisionist youth movement Betar, asked particularly embarrassing questions.

"Begin's conclusion was to go to the people directly over the heads of the press, which he often viewed as hostile."

"In all fairness, though, Begin was also shocked at the large forum of the committee," adds Gefen.

HE HAS A POINT. For membership on the committee is part of an in-house journalistic status game and meetings often include 20 to 30 people, which makes officials understandably leery about divulging secrets. This has become even more problematic since the mid-70s, when American journalistic concepts of scoops and sharp competition between papers and between reporters on the same paper, made sharp inroads into the profession in Israel.

"Dayan, however, understood the game and very much wanted to influence the media through regular briefings. Ezer Weizman positively loved it," Gefen recalls.

Shamir, he adds, has tried to restore good relations "but he doesn't divulge anything of interest. Arens has introduced a new style and

meets often with the committee. He is obviously sensitive to the importance of establishing an atmosphere of close cooperation with the heads of the media."

The last time the Editors' Committee was in the news was two years ago when the IDF surrounded Yamit in preparation for its evacuation.

"Prior to that, Arik Sharon, as minister of defence had barred the press from the Golan Heights when he carried out his campaign against the Golan Druse after the Knesset had annexed the Golan."

"Following that event, the editors warned Sharon that they would not tolerate such treatment in the evacuation of Yamit, and Arik had promised that there would be full coverage."

"In the event, when the IDF surrounded the Yamit area for the evacuation and for confrontation with the Greater Land of Israel demonstrators, he informed the editors that there would be no coverage."

"Some papers then appeared with big white spaces in protest and representatives of the editors appeared at the IDF barriers to demonstrate. At which point Sharon backed down," Gefen recalls.

PART OF THE GAME has always been that government ministers have often tried to extend the informal self-censorship arrangements with the committee far beyond the merely military. Censorship regulations call for the application of censorship to sensitive matters concerning aliya and oil imports.

There were several flaps in the late '60s and '70s. When Levi Eshkol was prime minister, he visited the shah in Teheran on his way back from a meeting with the U.S. president in Washington. Foreign Minister Abba Eban appeared before the Editors' Committee and asked them not to report the meeting with the shah.

Ha'aretz editor Gershon Schocken cut him short and declared that there was no basis for forbidding publication and his paper appeared with a front-page story on the meeting.

There are those who claimed subsequently that this led to a definite setback in Israel's critically important relations with Iran.

In the 1970s, under Yitzhak Rabin's administration, the press reported the arrival in the country of secret emissaries from the Soviet Union, and the contents of a note that Rabin had sent to then-president Gerald Ford during an especially sensitive period in U.S.-Israel relations.

Rabin thereupon initiated legislation for widening censorship regulations to include such events, too, but this initiative was scotched through strenuous lobbying by the editors before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

THE LOOSENING and, at times, even undermining of military censorship in the 1970s, however, was mainly a result of the new, unchecked publicity hunger of IDF generals with an eye to a political future. The main offender in this regard was

Arik Sharon himself, who was permanently accompanied by a coterie of faithful journalists throughout the Yom Kippur War.

Other generals were not to be outdone, however, as they were sucked into the "wars of the generals." The 1980s represent very much a continuation of the loosening up of the '70s than of the earlier periods of close cooperation between a patriotic media and political and military leaders.

THAT IS WHY the *Hadashot* case came as such a shock. Marek Gefen agrees that there has been a general undermining of values in the country as a whole and in the media, which both reflects and is part of that very society on which it reports.

To this has been added the profound suspicion with which the Likud governing establishment views the media, a feeling which is understandably often reciprocated by the media.

While researching this article, I spoke to a British visitor who told me that in the Falklands War, British troops had shot down scores of Argentine soldiers after they had surrendered and had their hands up. The story was never reported by the British media at the time.

It is not quite clear what happened to two of the four terrorists who were captured by Israeli troops in Deir el Balah a fortnight ago. What is clear is that in the '50s and '60s, the question would have exercised few Israelis.

The fact that it does exercise the consciences of many Israelis today is another expression of the dilemmas of our society: a society that strives to achieve and maintain liberal democratic values but at the same time finds itself in a protracted brutal war which is often "invisible" because appearances seem to indicate that we have reached peace and normalcy.

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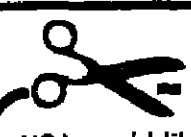
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HAVE THE LEADERS of the Herut Party lost their sense of direction? The members of the party are insisting on the reduction of the Liberals' share of Knesset seats. The claim, based on the indisputable weakness of electoral support, was rudely enforced by the refractory behaviour of a few Liberal members in the 10th Knesset.

There has, moreover, long been a general feeling of unease in Herut over possible Liberal backsliding on the crucial issue of the future of Judea and Samaria.

These considerations and concerns are all logical and valid; and the Herut leaders could feasibly impress upon the Liberals that thinning out their ranks, in addition to its inherent logic, would make possible the introduction of stalwarts in the struggle for Eretz Yisrael.

It seems, however, that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens are weakening their own case — by suggesting that two of the seats they are reported to be asking the Liberals to give up will be handed over on a platter to Shmuel Tamir and Shlomo Lahat.

Shamir and Arens (and those who support their view) have apparently a logic of their own. They have no valid reason to believe that Lahat and Tamir are such stalwarts.

Lahat is himself a Liberal Party member who, when he has touched on national affairs, has given signs of dissent from the Herut view.

As for Tamir, one quality he cannot be accused of possessing is adherence to the idea which is supposed to be central to Herut policy: the integrity of Western Eretz Yisrael.

He was, after all, a leading member of the now-defunct Democratic Movement for Change under Yigal Yadin, whose policy on this issue was approximately that of the Alignment.

In government, its members worked hard to obstruct the policy of settlement in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Tamir has given no public indication that he has changed his mind. How credible an advocate of this

Waiting for Shamir's plan

By SHMUEL KATZ

policy can he now be?

The Liberal Party would have just cause for resentment at such a suggestion. Why should two of their own candidates (who may all be regarded as loyal to the Likud view) be pushed out to make room for these problematic (though able and otherwise admirable) personalities?

This consideration, however, pales before the deeper significance of the proposal for Herut itself: Whither are the leaders leading the party?

THERE IS, in fact, a large befogged area in Herut policy. It was recently pinpointed by two leading members of the party.

Last week, Michael Reiser, an energetic member of the young guard and head of the organization department, said the main thrust of the party's campaign would be on the struggle for Eretz Yisrael.

Up to seven years ago, the meaning of such a statement was clear to everybody. Since the launching of Menachem Begin's "peace policy" in 1977, and, more specifically, since the 1978 Camp David agreement, it has been ambiguous.

Only a month ago, the enormity of the content and significance of that agreement was exposed to view once more — this time by a Herut leader.

Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, said then that the highest price Israel paid for the peace with Egypt was not the return of Sinai, but rather the part of Camp David which deals with autonomy and which now prevents Israel from claiming sovereignty over Judea.

Samaria and Gaza. (The Jerusalem Post, April 8, 1984).

A leading exponent of the Begin policy has thus admitted the truth about the Camp David agreement. Far from safeguarding Israeli rights in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, Camp David ruled out the prospect of Israeli sovereignty there. Under the agreement, the question of sovereignty will be resolved, after five years of Arab autonomy, by negotiations between Israel, Jordan, Egypt and the elected representatives of the Arab residents of the area.

Unless the three Arab parties to the negotiations offer sovereignty to Israel, there will be no Israeli sovereignty there. What is morally more significant than all the other clauses is the provision that any agreement reached will be submitted — a second time — to the representatives of the Arab residents.

Herut members (and others) have allowed Begin to pretend that he did not surrender the prospect of sovereignty. It is true that, in public, he has since 1978 formulated the prospect more accurately: "In the negotiations under the Camp David agreement," he repeatedly said, "we shall claim sovereignty."

Nevertheless, during the years since 1978, Likud spokesmen have flaunted the slogan that they would conduct the "struggle for Eretz Yisrael."

It sounds good and true until you analyse the reality behind it — as Ben-Elissar has now, belatedly, done.

THE STRUGGLE for Eretz Yisrael, which obviously requires skillful and sophisticated action on the political front, will not be won as long as Israel, even while establishing Jewish communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, continues in fact to endorse the doctrine — contained in the Camp David agreement — that there will not be Israeli sovereignty over these areas.

The agreement need not remain a millstone around Israel's neck. It is, has long been, a dead letter. The Egyptian government unceasingly insists on a set of conditions which go far beyond, and bear no relation to, what was agreed at Camp David.

They are, of course, merely reiterating the traditional Arab formula propounded over the years before Begin offered Sinai to Sadat.

Sinai has been swallowed up and now they simply want the rest: Palestine, with Judea and Samaria as a first course.

The essence of this demand is backed by Washington, where the "Reagan Plan" effectively nullifies the Camp David agreement. Not a single reason, formal or moral, binds Israel to the concessions Begin agreed to at Camp David. On the contrary, every consideration — of morality, of equity, of international behaviour, and of Israel's interests, cries out for its abrogation.

This truth is reinforced by the almost daily evidence that the other part of the Camp David agreement — which gave birth to the "peace treaty" — was a trap and a hoax: Sinai is gone; and the one great achievement Begin claimed to justify its surrender — the exit of Egypt from the Arab coalition for the destruction of Israel — was a mirage. This is growing clear to more and more innocent Israelis.

To compound Egypt's ongoing failure to honour most of the few positive clauses in the treaty, almost every day brings a new, flagrant and often contemptuous breach.

Egyptian scientists are denied permission to attend a conference in Israel: Israel is denied participation in Cairo's international book fair — the list is endless. Trade is absolutely minimal. Egyptian tourism to Israel is practically non-existent.

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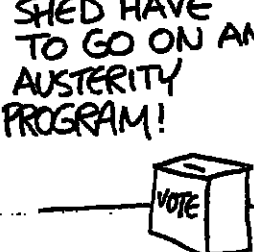
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IS ALL THIS not clear? Is it not clear that while Israel's deterrent power lies in its strong and sophisticated army and in its control of Western Eretz Yisrael — where it should establish its civil law — a drastic shake-up must be effected in its diplomatic stance and information services.

It must put an end to its reticence in presenting the truth of the Arab purpose before the world. Especially the Jewish people — so recently given shocking evidence of the recrudescence of anti-Semitic incitement — must be alerted to that truth.

The first step, however, must be

an unequivocal clarification of Israel's truth, its needs and its determined purpose. Sinai indeed is gone. Let not the Camp David agreement, before the future of Western Palestine.

On the contrary, Israel should follow the lead of Egypt and the U.S. — who signed the Camp David agreement and have turned their backs on it.

In its place, Washington has the "Reagan Plan." Egypt has the "Paz Plan." Israel should announce its own plan.

Why not the "Shamir Plan"?

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JUST OVER 30 years ago three teenage members of a youth movement were trying to draw a map of a cave and burial site in the valley of the Monastery of the Cross, not far from where the Knesset and the Israel Museum now stand. Armed with candles and ropes, they crawled towards the back of the cave and discovered three steel milk urns buried in the dirt.

When the urns were opened, they were found to contain sub-machine guns, ammunition and explosives.

The police, tipped off by the three youths, lay in ambush. Within a few days there was a dramatic announcement that the security services had smashed a Jewish terrorist underground.

During a debate in the Knesset on the subject, the leader of the opposition at the time, Menachem Begin, charged the government with "provocation."

Eventually, 11 people, including one woman, were charged with being members of *Maheret Malhu Yisrael* (the Kingdom of Israel Underground). They were brought to trial and sent to prison. The group, most of them ex-members of the pre-state Lehi (led then by Yitzhak Shamir) came to be known as the "Sarafand Group," because it was before the military court in Ramle that they were tried and sentenced.

Ze'ev Yeivin, the chief ideologue of the group is today a leading archeologist in the Department of Antiquities at the Rockefeller Museum in East Jerusalem. He spent 22 months in jail together with the leader of the group, Ya'akov Heruti, today a Tel Aviv advocate and a member of Rafael Eitan's Tzomet movement.

"In principle, there is an analogy with the people arrested in Judea, Samaria and the Golan over the past week," said Yeivin in an interview this week. "But there is also a difference. Then I was inside (the group and in prison), and the noise was outside. Now it is the opposite. Then, too, the noise was far out of proportion to the actual content of activities of the group."

The Sarafand Group's most notorious exploits were the planting of a bomb in the Russian Embassy and attacks on Eastern European diplomatic facilities in Israel. But the objects of their first attacks were Arab targets in Jerusalem and in the villages in the Jerusalem corridor.

Advocate Heruti, however, sees no similarity between his past activities and the alleged actions of the West Bank group - which he strongly condemns.

"When Sarafand was active, the state was in diapers," Heruti said this week in an interview with *the Jerusalem Post*. "Both the state and we were untuned politically; it was after all, only four years since the establishment of the state." Most of the Sarafand activists had recently surfaced from the Lehi underground, with extensive, if regular, military experience.

THE SITUATION today is quite different, Heruti said. There is a state, and the state has laws, which must be obeyed. Today there is no place for activity that runs counter to the law. All problems must be dealt with officially, by the state. Heruti stressed that he was both his personal belief and the unanimous stand of Tzomet.

"I was 27 or 28 when I joined the group, some six months before we were arrested," said Yeivin in his office, surrounded by neat boxes of pottery shards. "I was not attracted by the romantic appeal of a clandestine organization, but by the ideology of the group - I saw it as a protest movement."

A history of terror

The Post's David Richardson and Roy Jacobowitz talk to two former members of a Jewish terrorist underground that operated after the founding of the state.

"It came about against a background of attacks by the *fedayoun* - Arab infiltrators who were attacking Israeli settlements, even in the center of the country. It appeared that the government was not protecting the state and not reacting forcefully enough. It was dangerous to walk along the dividing Jerusalem, because one could be shot at."

even if they are anti-establishment. When I was in the Lehi, my aim was to replace the British establishment with a Jewish establishment. In (Sarafand) the perception was not anti-establishment but the feeling that the job was unfinished and a desire to arouse public opinion against what appeared to be governmental apathy or reluctance."

history. Heruti said. It all happened over 30 years ago, in a "different era entirely," and has no similarity to the alleged activities of the West Bank group. Not one of the 40 or 50 people involved in the Sarafand has had any run-in with the law (apart from parking tickets) since that time, he said.

Yeivin is not as dismissive. "My father was active in the *Brit Habiryonim* (League of the Tough) in the 1930s and I'm sure that had some influence although what I still cannot say." It is because such "anti-establishment" groups do have a role in history that Yeivin is not willing to condemn the alleged underground in the West Bank and the Golan outright.

There is little ideological difference between them, leading elements of the current government, or even the Sarafand group, he feels. "They are perhaps more pure ideologically and a government just has to be more pragmatic."

"The government therefore does have a problem in dealing with such a group, more so than would a Labour Party government."

Asked about the reported presence of Tzomet members among those arrested last week, Heruti said that he did not know of any Tzomet people involved in the alleged West Bank underground. "I am almost sure that no Tzomet member is involved," he said. "It runs counter to the principles and world view of the movement."

THE MATTER of the arrests had been raised "in passing" at the Tzomet executive meeting last Monday, Heruti said, and the executive had unanimously expressed its complete condemnation of the attempt to sabotage Arab buses in Jerusalem. He added that Tzomet had not published a condemnation of the attempted sabotage, because "the announcement must be an official one, and the government had already issued a strong condemnation." A Tzomet announcement would therefore have been "superfluous."

Heruti said that he did not believe the uncovering of a Jewish underground on the West Bank would adversely affect the settlement movement. "If a member of a party or a political stream does something that is contrary to the principles of that stream, it can do no harm. Tzomet, Gush Emunim, the NRP and Herut are all solidly opposed to the alleged actions (of the West Bank group)."

He referred to the case of Udi Adiv, who was imprisoned in the early Seventies for membership in a pro-Syrian spy ring. "Adiv's actions did not stain his party, his kibbutz (Gan Shmuel) or his parents, because what he did was contrary to what they stand for," Heruti said.

Thirty years after his release from jail, a former leading member of a Jewish underground strongly condemns those who followed. Circumstances 30 years ago were entirely different from those prevailing today, he says - and indeed they were. But it may well be that when those at present under arrest are brought to court, there will be talk of an indecisive government, dormant public opinion and the need for retribution.

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From left: Reuven Shiloah, David Ben-Gurion, Teddy Kollek, Yehoshafat Harkabi... "Shiloah was the most original thinker on Middle East affairs in the Foreign Ministry."

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A MAN OF INTELLIGENCE

The Jerusalem Post's Abraham Rabinovich talks to people who remember Reuven Shiloah on the 25th anniversary of his death.

REUVEN SHILOAH, an intelligence expert who could ferret secrets from the desks of British officers and a political counsellor who could conceive grand strategic initiatives that huddled the ring of Arab hostility was remembered yesterday on the 25th anniversary of his death.

The memorial ceremony took place in Tel Aviv University's Shiloah Institute, which bears his name. Virtually unknown today to the Israeli public, Shiloah was not much better known in the days when he was one of the principal shapers of Israel's foreign policy, founder of the Mossad and a secret negotiator with King Abdullah.

"He was so secretive," says Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, a long-time associate, "that, according to one story, if a taxi driver asked him where he wanted to go he would say, 'There's no need for you to know.'"

It was Shiloah, says Kollek, who proposed the outer-tier concept that envisioned Israel politically leapfrogging the Arab world to establish

relations, at least close working relations, with three major non-Arab countries just beyond - Turkey, Iran and Ethiopia. "He arranged the secret flights of Ben-Gurion to Turkey and Iran to meet the prime ministers there."

Shiloah was to be a principal trouble shooter for Ben-Gurion in a round of perpetual motion that would lead to his untimely death at the age of 49. Says Kollek: "He was the most original thinker on Middle East affairs in the Foreign Ministry."

BORN IN JERUSALEM, Shiloah was the son of a prominent rabbi, Aharon Yitzhak Zaslansky. He

learned Arabic in the Teachers' Seminary in Beit Hakerem and then spent a year in Iraq teaching Hebrew to local Jews and organizing Zionist activity.

While there, he was accredited as a correspondent of the *Palestine Bulletin*, forerunner of the *Palestine Post*. On his return he was to become an Arab affairs expert, first with the Histadrut and then with the political department of the Jewish Agency.

But his talents and energy would be tapped in many areas and he was among the founders of the Haganah intelligence service.

As a liaison with the British and with Arab leaders, Shiloah entered

ever more deeply into the area of intelligence. Says his American-born widow Betty: "He saw intelligence as an instrument of political activity."

It was Shiloah who was principally involved in arranging for the Jewish Palestinian parachutists to be dropped into Europe by the British. "He went to Brindisi (Italy) just after it had become Allied headquarters following the landings in Italy," recalls Kollek, who was then also in the Jewish Agency political department.

"We had trained 250 people to send into Hungary. In Brindisi, he saw a cable on the desk of a British officer. He had trained himself to read upside down and he saw that the cable recommended that the drop be cancelled because the political disadvantages for the British after the war outweighed the military advantages of the operation."

Years later, a friend of the Shiloah family met a former senior British intelligence officer in Palestine who commented: "Don't think we didn't know that Reuven was pilfering papers from our desks."

As liaison with British intelligence during World War II, he often travelled to British Army headquarters in Cairo, and he played a large part in persuading the British to accept Jewish units in their army. A

The ethnic balance

By WOLF BLITZER / Post Washington Correspondent

IN THE year 2015, Israel will continue to have a predominantly Jewish majority within its pre-1967 lines, according to a detailed population study recently released in Washington.

But if Israel were to annex the West Bank and Gaza, the report added, the balance between Arabs and Jews in Eretz Yisrael could be virtually 50-50.

The 40-page report, issued by the private, non-profit Population Reference Bureau in Washington, was prepared by Hebrew University professors Dov Friedlander and Calvin Goldscheider.

The Arab-Jewish mix within Israel proper today is roughly 83 per cent Jewish versus 17 per cent, or 3.4 million Jews versus 690,000 Israeli Arabs. Another 1.2 million Arabs live in the West Bank and Gaza.

"Future changes in the proportion of Jews in Israel will depend not only on Jewish fertility and immigration but also on the patterns of Arab fertility," the professors wrote.

"In the latest projections, it is assumed that Arab fertility will con-

tinue to decline, from 5 births per woman in 1980-84 to 2.8, on average, in 2010-14. The Jewish proportion will nevertheless decline even under maximum fertility and immigration assumptions for the Jewish sector, but the decline will be very small."

USING THOSE assumptions, they said the Jewish proportion of pre-1967 Israel's population in 2015 will be between 87 and 79 per cent - not all that significant a change.

"The picture, of course, would be very different if Israel were to annex the occupied areas and include their Arab populations within a Greater Israel," they continued.

"Even under the high assumptions for Jewish fertility and immigration, the Jewish proportion would then shrink to 62 per cent in 2015," they

said. "Under the assumptions for the minimum projection it would be just 50 per cent. Both of these alternatives allow for considerable fertility decline and continued emigration among Arabs in the present occupied areas."

The professors added: "Assuming that Israel continues as a democracy the Arabs of these areas would become Israeli citizens with full rights, as are the Arabs now in Israel proper. The resulting Greater Israel would then be a binational, if not, indeed, an Arab-dominated, state."

"If Israel chooses not to extend political rights to the incorporated populations, the extreme result would be a potentially inflammable

"colony" relationship between a minority of Jews and the large proportion of disenfranchised Arabs living within the boundaries of Greater Israel."

The authors also predicted that the percentage of Ashkenazim among the Jewish population of Israel will continue to decline.

Jews of European origin, they said, accounted for 85 per cent of Israeli Jews in 1948. They now comprise only 40 per cent and will be down to 30 per cent in 2015. The major factor for this increase among Sephardim is a higher fertility rate.

"Hence," the professors concluded, "Israel might be transformed into a non-European, non-Western political and cultural society. This assumes that the political and cultural character of Oriental Jews is not radically altered by educational and socio-economic progress over the next several generations."

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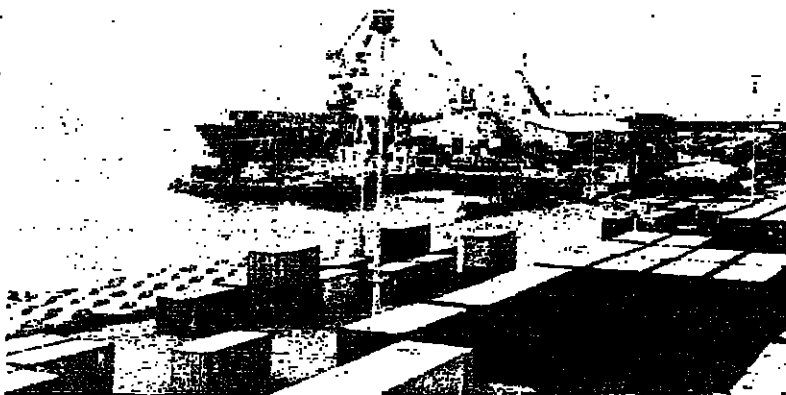
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SINKING PORT

By YITZHAK OKED/Jerusalem Post Reporter



Segal explained that in December 1978 (after Israeli ships were allowed to pass through the Suez Canal) there was a cabinet decision to keep the port of Eilat alive, maintaining trade at the 1978 level.

In order to persuade potential customers to use the port instead of going through the canal and unloading or loading at Haifa or Ashdod, the government decided that, together with the IPA, they would subsidize cargoes that had not previously gone via Eilat. The purpose of the subsidy was to make it cheaper for customers to use Eilat instead of the Mediterranean ports.

In the wake of this government decision, the IPA, together with the Zim line, established a land transport company called Etzion, whose job was to stabilize the prices of transporting cargoes overland. Etzion was also put in charge of a depot that was built at Nachal Zin, 180 kilometres north of Eilat, at the end of the railroad line from the north.

Segal believes that if the railroad line reached Eilat, it could attract many more customers, and it would be worthwhile for many companies to use the port, even without the government subsidy.

The present situation of "not alive but not dead" at the port is awful in many respects, said Segal. "Even when you have so few ships in port, they tend to come bunched up two or three together at once. No computers or other modern technological methods will help here. Most ships come to Eilat from the Far East, which is a relatively long distance.

"It's enough for there to be a typhoon on the way or a strike at one of the ports en route for the ships to bunch up."

"We can have one week when we go crazy here, when there aren't enough workers, trucks or railroad carts to handle all the cargo. Then we can have two to three weeks when not even one ship will come into port, and there is no work. According to my statistics, about 40 to 50 per cent of the working days of the year there is no work here. That is the core of the problem."

Segal added that because of this high rate of idle days, it is impossible for Eilat to compete with other ports, "even though a workless day at Eilat is a lot less than at Ashdod or Haifa because we have less people here."

The workers committee said that they were now down to the bare bone, 294 workers, and couldn't make further cuts. In 1976 there were about 550 workers at the port, they noted.

Yitzhak Rahav, managing director of IPA, disagrees with the workers committee. He believes that the number of 294 workers is too high and can - and should - be further cut by at least 70 to ensure the continued operation of the port.

ONE OF THE absurdities of the present situation at Eilat we were told is that Zim, which established a special line of container ships to Eilat called Zefal, now finds it unprofitable to operate the line, claiming that it is losing \$5m. annually. It wants the government to compensate it for at least part of its losses, about \$1.5m. per year. Zim is said to be threatening to stop the Zefal line if it is not compensated.

It was not made clear why a commercial company like Zim could not drum up an additional \$1.5m. of business annually, or maybe even more, obviating the need to request government aid.

IN RESPONSE, Zim officials noted

that Zim is the only shipping company serving the Port of Eilat, with seven ships, plus several more chartered according to demand.

These officials pointed out that 1983 was, according to a German maritime research institute, the worst year for international shipping, of the past half-century. And the slump has continued during the first months of this year.

Because of the slump, several large and well-known shipping lines have had to discontinue their service. Others have slashed prices in order to survive, and shipping prices are consequently now at an all-time low. This situation, they said, makes it difficult to operate once profitable lines, not to speak of problematic ones like Eilat.

Zim economists calculated that their Eilat line is losing them between \$5m. to \$6m. annually owing to the present situation, and this was why they had turned to the IPA and requested partial compensation.

A Zim source told *The Post* that they had in no way threatened to cut their service to Eilat if they did not receive this compensation.

In answer to a question about the search for more clients which would increase the profitability of the Eilat line, Zim said they have sought potential clients with a fine tooth-comb.

"We have broken our heads trying to find new customers and getting our present customers to increase their cargoes. We even recently held a meeting of all customers using the Port of Eilat. We put great effort and preparation into this meeting, even inviting customers from abroad.

"Believe me, we are searching all the time to increase cargoes to Eilat, but it isn't easy. I think we can say in all earnestness that we are now handling all the cargo possible that can go through Eilat."

Rahav claims that cutting down the work crew at the port by 70 would save \$1.5m. annually. He could transfer this sum to Zim, he says, and in this way keep the Zefal line operating through Eilat.

Responding to the workers committee contention that they were down to the bone, Rahav claimed that this was their story when they had about 150 more workers than they do today. The figures show, he says, that today Eilat is handling a bigger tonnage of cargoes than it did when it had more workers.

He admitted that part of this is due to modern equipment, and that the port today is much more highly containerized than it was several years ago.

Rahav maintained that the work crews could be pruned by 70, if the remaining workers agreed to become "jacks-of-all-trades" able to handle more than one type of job.

This is important in a port like Eilat, he said, where there are peaks and slack times. When ships come into port, all the workers would handle that ship. When there are no

ships in port, he explained, they would all do maintenance work.

IS IT POSSIBLE to drum up more business for this southern Israeli port?

Most of the officials we talked to answered in the negative. They have checked and rechecked the list of potential importers and exporters to and from East Africa and the Far East and there aren't any more clients, they said. Many customers, they claimed, can today receive goods from the Far East direct to Haifa or Ashdod at relatively low prices, with no need to double-or triple-handle the goods.

However, while at Eilat, we heard two different stories that show that, with a little bit of imagination, business through Eilat could be increased.

One is connected with one of the most veteran users of Eilat Port, the Japanauto company, which imports Subaru cars to Israel.

Long before the Suez Canal was reopened, Japanauto used the port of Eilat and because of this they cannot receive any subsidy from the government today. Nevertheless, Japanauto continues using Eilat, without subsidies. Why?

The Post learned that Daniel Berkovich, one of the owners of Japanauto and its manager, a shrewd businessman, found a loophole in the customs laws. Customs duty on a car (which is over 100 per cent) is

calculated according to all the costs, including the shipping. By unloading at Eilat instead of Ashdod, Japanauto saves some shipping costs, not to speak of the Suez Canal charges.

Why aren't more importers told about this loophole?

The second story is connected with cargo that does receive a subsidy. According to the workers committee, port officials had a difficult time persuading an importer of newsprint to try using Eilat Port. The importer claimed that paper is delicate, and can easily be ruined if not handled properly. But finally he agreed.

Today, despite the fact that this paper is handled several times before reaching its final destination, the importer is pleased and admits that the paper is reaching its final destination in good condition. According to the workers committee, the paper did not arrive in such good condition before, with less handling.

SHIMON BOUSKILA, chairman of the Eilat Port workers committee, claims that the Eilat crews are willing to compete with workers in other ports. He is confident that they will prove to be the most efficient and that the cargo can be shipped to leave Eilat port with the smallest amount of damage.

Again: why is this fact not given more publicity by the Ports Authority, Zim and the Eilat Port itself?

Potential customers may well be willing to test the Eilat workers' claim.

Our last stop before leaving Eilat was a meeting with the new, young and dynamic mayor of Eilat, Raphael Hochman. Hochman was brimming with ideas to brighten the future of Eilat and its port. He also was confident that if the Israel Railway line reached Eilat, the port would become more active.

One of his first tasks as mayor has been to try and persuade government officials and members of Knesset to put the issue high on the list of priorities. The Minister of Transport will bring the proposal to extend the railway line to Eilat before potential donors at a congress later this month, Hochman said.

Another project that Hochman has been lobbying for - and it seems that if it were not for the coming elections he would have succeeded - is persuading the Knesset to pass a special law turning the port and possibly the whole town of Eilat into a duty-free area. Hochman claimed that he already had the approval of 69 members from all parties of the outgoing Knesset for such a law.

The law could bring more tourists to Eilat, they might even fly in direct from Europe to buy duty-free goods. There is also a possibility, Hochman said, that Israelis would be allowed to buy duty-free goods, quantities similar to those allowed Israelis travelling abroad.



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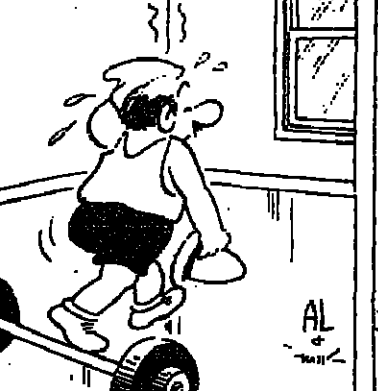
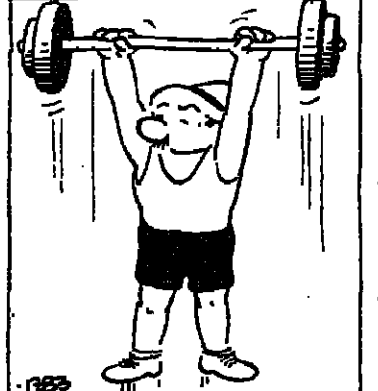
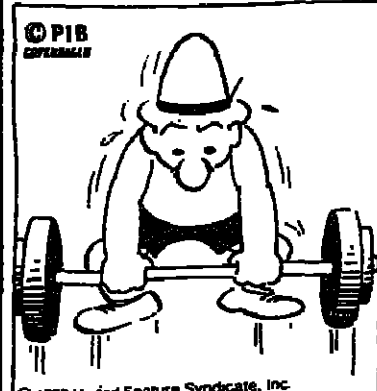
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JEWISH SCENE / Geoffrey Wigoder

AN ISRAELI meteorologist once invented a basic law of weather forecasting which stated: "Before committing your forecast to paper, look out of the window."

Returning from a short visit to the U.S. and reading in *The Jerusalem Post* a gloomy prediction concerning the disappearance of U.S. Jewry, I could not help wondering whether the forecaster had looked out of the window.

Over the years, I have cited in *The Jerusalem Post* many negative assessments regarding the future of American Jewry and recognize the core of their validity. Demographic facts (low birthrate and high intermarriage) together with indisputable assimilation must be taking their toll.

Whatever the number of Jews in the U.S. today (and nobody knows the real figure—especially in face of varying definitions of what constitutes a Jew), the total seems destined for a decline, although this may mean, in fact, the shedding of the indifferent periphery who, in any case, are making no Jewish contribution.

The known facts can be interpreted pessimistically or optimistically (an optimist, it will be recalled, holds that this is the best of all possible worlds, the pessimist fears he may be right).

Here in Israel, the analyses tend to the pessimistic; a visit to the everyday reality of U.S. Jewish life helps one to veer to the more optimistic.

A FEW experiences during a couple of weeks travelling around the U.S.:

■ A weekend in an effervescent Midwestern Conservative synagogue in which something was going on all the time and at different levels—a Friday evening service attended by 800 congregants of all ages preceded by a communal dinner; an equally vital Saturday morning service (partly conducted by the young, male and female), while junior services and classes were also being held—followed by the inevitable lavish kiddush (eating together is a major factor in American Jewish identity); an afternoon cultural gathering; an evening performance in the synagogue's youth group before an audience of 700 youngsters; Sunday morning prayers attended by 200, followed by a lecture, while classes were being held elsewhere.

Moreover all these events took place in a beautiful building decorated with taste and imagination that

added an esthetic element to the religious.

Intermarriage was not far away when I met a congregant called Tamar Flowing Waters, married to an Indian; but Mrs. Flowing Waters and her children faithfully attend the synagogue.

■ A visit to a distinguished old-type New York synagogue which has followed the trend of modern cinemas by dividing itself into four smaller congregations which meet at the same time on Saturday mornings, each doing its own thing on a different floor. You choose between Minyan I, Minyan II, Minyan III and Minyan IV to participate in what has become known as "Creative Jewing."

■ Visits to a couple of the many campuses where Departments of Jewish Studies are flourishing. Thus, at the University of Indiana in Bloomington, 900 students are enrolled for courses in the framework of Jewish studies which has a faculty of 11 teachers. A few will go on to specialize in Jewish subjects and make scholarly contributions; the great majority are utilizing the opportunity to obtain a basic Jewish education, in many instances neglected in their childhood.

In any case, the phenomenon can only be seen as positive from a Jewish perspective. Moreover, some of the university presses—such as that of Indiana, Alabama and Wayne State—are publishing a wealth of serious Jewish books (far exceeding in number those brought out by Jewish publishing firms).

■ Visits to Jewish community centres which sponsor a host of events, whether in the form of social events, sports, recreation and leisure activities or cultural programmes.

Every day and night, hundreds can be found in these centres participating—within a Jewish framework. At the Jewish Centre in Berkeley, California, I saw a performance by the Berkeley Jewish Theatre of Arthur Miller's *Incident at Vichy*, which would have done credit to any professional theatre.

■ A visit to New York's Jewish Museum to see its latest "hits," the exhibitions of the treasures of the Prague Jewish Museum called "Precious Legacy." Interest in this superb collection is so great that visitors have to reserve their tickets months in advance.

■ Switching on TV, late one evening shortly before Pessah, and finding the Lubavicher rebbe talking, literally

for hours, in Yiddish with a simultaneous translation in English. I found the contents of his remarks less impressive than the apparent ecstasy of his audience—hundreds of Hasidim, old and young—jammed into the hall.

THESE ARE NOT the symptoms of a disappearing Jewry. The "optimists" point to various new elements of renewal within the community, such as the prevalence of conversion to Judaism and the role and enthusiasm of the converts in Jewish life. It is estimated (although, as usual, no one knows the real figure, especially as there is no central record) that some 10,000 are converted to Judaism each year. The great majority of these are under Reform or Conservative auspices and they are often prominent in congregational and communal life.

Another revolution has been the acceptance of women in roles from which they were previously absent or even excluded. For some time, they have been found among the Federation leaders; now they are increasingly integrated in a religious context. The latest breakthrough was their acceptance for training in the Conservative rabbinate; next year's entering class at the Jewish Theological Seminary will probably have a female majority. Moreover, the women will be highly qualified and motivated—they include women who have been teaching Talmud at the seminary and elsewhere, as well as at least one convert—and it is anticipated that the male students will have difficulty keeping up with them.

In any case, the new roles of women in the community have provided it with new strength and self-confidence.

Since my return, I heard a noted Israeli scholar express the view that, for all its present effervescence, U.S. Jewry lacks inner resources and is destined to decline after one more generation. Indeed, there are negative aspects which give cause for concern. But I find it hard to conceive that a community that is so vital and finds a *joie de vivre* in so much of its Jewishness will collapse so quickly.

And Israelis, instead of being prophets of doom (often to justify themselves their own Zionism), would do well to study the many aspects of Jewish life they could profitably learn from American Jewry.

Elite troops demonstrate

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Several dozen soldiers from an elite reserve unit demonstrated yesterday outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem against the war in Lebanon.

The soldiers knew that theirs was only one of many demonstrations which have taken place, and would almost certainly have no effect. "If somebody would listen to us (demonstrating soldiers) we wouldn't be in Lebanon," said Itamar Ofer, an officer from Moshav Kidron near Gedera.

A clerk from a government office passing by said sardonically: "You shouldn't demonstrate on a Thursday, that's when all the officials go down to Tel Aviv."

The soldiers, all in their 20s or early 30s, complained about the "purposelessness" of service in Lebanon. One of them was particularly concerned about the adverse effects of service among a very hostile population on young troops.

It was a small demonstration, and the reserve soldiers did not have much to say.

As a parting shot one commented: "You know everybody is depressed up there, so they've put up all these clubs for soldiers with televisions and videos. The only thing people watch on the videos is pornographic movies. Draw whatever conclusions you want from that."

Lebanese village guard chief killed in ambush

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — The head of the Civil Guard in the Lebanese village of Assaniye, five kilometres north of Ansar, was shot and killed in an ambush near his home yesterday.

South Lebanon Army forces searched the area unsuccessfully for the attackers. SLA sources said the attack was probably connected to a local dispute.

Numerous attempts have been made in the past to attack members of the Civil Guard, which is a wing of the SLA.

PHOTOS. — A small milestone in British parliamentary history passed yesterday when *The Times* of London published pictures of the House of Lords taken while peers were in session.

Cypriot manhunt for killer of Palestinian newsman

NICOSIA. — Cypriot police mounted a manhunt yesterday for a lone "Arab-looking" gunman who shot dead Hanna Mogbell, 42, the Palestinian secretary-general of the Arab Journalists' Union, and wounded his secretary here earlier in the day.

A gunman waiting on a corner pumped several bullets into Mogbell from point blank range as the car in which the journalist was being driven to work by his secretary stopped at a busy intersection in central Nicosia, eyewitnesses reported.

The witnesses, who did not wish to be named, said the gunman ran off chased by an off-duty policeman who happened on the scene, but managed to escape in the heavy early morning rush hour traffic.

The Palestine Liberation Organization office here issued a statement shortly after the attack blaming "agents of Israeli intelligence" for the shooting.

A Cypriot police statement described the assailant as "Arab-looking, with a dark complexion, curly hair, aged around 28-30 and of medium build." The PLO office in Cairo also accused Israeli agents of murdering Mogbell, and said his death would not go unavenged.

In Damascus, Syrian Press Association Secretary-General Dia Falhout condemned the shooting. Falhout, also deputy secretary-general of the Arab Journalists' Union, said in a statement that the attack was directed against Mogbell's "firm nationalist and progressive position." (AP, Reuters)

BEIRUT CRISIS

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Karamah, who has said ridding Lebanon of Israeli soldiers will be a top priority, reacted favourably to the idea of setting up a special body on this.

But they added that he sent a message to Berri, who had been meeting officials in Damascus, saying it should be discussed at a cabinet meeting attended by Berri and should not be set as a precondition. He also ruled out expanding the cabinet to 26.

Upon his arrival in Beirut, Berri held a news conference and said Karamah's proposal was "not enough." He said, "I refuse to join the government unless my suggestions for establishing a ministry for Southern Lebanon and another for

reconstruction have been approved."

Berri and Druse leader Walid Jumblatt did not attend the cabinet's first meeting on Wednesday. Their participation as heads of the most powerful Moslem militias in Lebanon was considered vital if the new government were to achieve its aim of ending nine years of civil war.

Druse sources said Jumblatt stayed away in support of Berri but he had no objections of his own to joining the cabinet.

While the talking continued, rival Christian and Moslem militiamen battled along Beirut's demarcation line yesterday, sending shells and rockets crashing in residential neighbourhoods during the afternoon rush hour. Police said 28 people, including 14 school children, were wounded. (Reuters, AP)

Hussein opposes Jerusalem embassies

AMMAN (AP). — King Hussein has joined Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat in opposing the decisions of nations to move their embassies in Israel to Jerusalem. It is the first time Hussein has taken a public stand on the issue.

A statement issued yesterday by the Jordanian news agency Petra said that the two leaders "stressed their joint condemnation of the attempts by some countries aimed at transferring their embassies to occupied Jerusalem."

The statement followed a four-hour meeting Wednesday night between Hussein and Arafat. It is Arafat's third visit to Amman since he and the king resumed talks last February on a joint approach to solving the Middle East problem. The dialogue had been suspended in April 1983 by Jordan after the king and Arafat failed to reach agreement on a common strategy.

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100 women from Lebanon wed to Israeli Arabs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Since the Lebanon war began, some 100 Lebanese women, most of Palestinian origin, have married Israeli Arabs in Galilee.

Nissim Dana, head of the Druse department at the Religious Affairs Ministry, said yesterday that 60 of the women are Moslems, 15 Christians and the rest Druse, all but one of the women have settled in Galilee. Many of their parents left the area in 1948.

Most of the Druse women married either Druse soldiers who met them during their military service in Lebanon, or relatives with whom they re-established contact.

The Moslem and Christian brides originally crossed the border for short visits, but extended their stays here after marriage.

Israeli Arab leaders complained that the authorities have not yet issued permanent papers to several of the women, although they are pregnant or have even given birth recently.

Asked about the matter, government officials answered that Lebanese women who marry Israeli Arabs do not automatically receive identity cards.

TERROR

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that "there has been no political interference with the investigation. But he didn't rule out the possibility that as the investigation—especially into the West Bank mayors case—widens, there will be some 'thin ice' upon which the investigators will have to walk."

About 15 people are believed to have been involved in the bombings, which were originally supposed to have hit more than the three mayors attacked. Two of the mayors were crippled, along with a police sapper. On the same day, a young girl was wounded in Hebron by a still unsolved grenade attack.

Polisario frees some Moroccan prisoners

ALGIERS (AP). — The Polisario guerrilla movement released ten of its Moroccan prisoners to the International Red Cross in the western Sahara on Tuesday, the official Algerian news agency, APS reported.

Unhappy reflections

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER / Jerusalem Post Reporter

IF ANDREAS MEYER were not 63 years old and old-fashionedly mild mannered, he would probably be an 'Angry Young Man.'

A Nahariya resident since his immigration from Germany in 1937, he is upset about town hall's "indifference" to the wanton cutting down of trees "by anybody with a saw." This phenomenon is removing the lungs of this resort town, he says, and failure to stop it will mean that "the little bit of seashore we have" will be turned into a rubbish dump.

Meyer is also quite upset that "nobody bothered to find out" whether there were capable stained glass craftsmen in Israel before a \$500,000 order was placed in France for the big glass wall of Jerusalem artist Mordechai Ardon's painting for the National Library building.

His own Nahariya Glass works has made tens of thousands of dollars worth of stained glass windows for private buyers and public institutions in Israel and abroad. "And we are not the only firm working in stained glass in Israel," he stressed in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* in the factory he built himself—on the foundations to the equipment.

But, it seems, what is good enough for institutions abroad is not good enough for our own, though an Israeli-made glass window for the library would have cost less than a quarter of the price paid, and practically all the raw materials would have been local.

Be that as it may, Andreas Meyer recently delivered an 11-metre-high, two-metre-wide, stained glass window, designed by his son, Yigael, to the Bielefeld Town Hall in Westphalia, Germany, at a cost of DM70,000.

Other stained glass windows his firm has made include two 2.5 by 1.2 metre windows for a building company in that city, the Bielefelder Wohnungsgesellschaft; 32 windows designed by Jerusalem artist Marcus Andersch for the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem; an 8.60 by 1.40 metre window for a private home in Nuremberg, designed by Yigael, and some smaller windows for Israeli homeowners.

They are now completing another large work, 18 windows depicting Jewish religious themes for the rebuilt synagogue of the small German town of Floss, in a Bavarian farming district near the Czech border. These 18 windows are to be installed by autumn, when the town, which



Yigael Meyer with a panel for a stained-glass window.

now has no Jewish residents, is to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the settlement of the first Jews there.

THERE IS a story connected with the rebuilding of that synagogue, which was burned during the infamous Kristallnacht of November 1938, one of the hundreds put to the torch throughout Germany that night.

One of the eyewitnesses was a five-year old, Fred Lehner, who lived nearby. Lehner is now the *Bürgermeister* of Floss. He pushed through the town council a measure to have the synagogue rebuilt and thus kept a vow he made to himself. With the aid of photographs of the synagogue, built in 1815, he had it rebuilt as it used to be, and Yigael Meyer's design for the stained glass windows were accepted by the town council.

Jewish tourists who visit the site of the Flossenbürg concentration camp near the town require a place to pray after their visit. They will be the principal users of the building.

The Meyers' stained glass, unlike that made by the ancient techniques used in the Ardon window, is made by a modern method that bonds the painting inside layers of glass. This incidentally makes it impervious to acid pollution, which is the bane of old stained glass in Europe's cathedrals.

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- 5 Inform people these bills are from the printer (7)
- 9 Coming back with gunshot victim: a dog (9)
- 10 Dr. Hill drives a car (5)
- 11 Perhaps get grape juice to drink! (7)
- 12 Sunk in the North Sea for want of fuel (3-4)
- 13 "Adventures of Sea & Space": Deighton's first new work (9)
- 16 Shown on coins under the Queen's head (5)
- 17 Gives in at Ludo, normally (5)
- 18 Must have the charges going up! (9)
- 21 Engineer magic change, and get a nasty look! (7)
- 22 We want them to ask people questions (7)
- 25 It's not necessary to show mercy! (5)
- 26 Get one opponent fewer, according to the rules of tennis (9)
- 27 Gave out some water, the sun being very hot (7)
- 28 Thought-crime was committed by him! (7)

DOWN

- 1 Zoo beast in Africa caught fire. Fag improperly put out (7)
- 2 Part of his lifetime's supreme ambition! (5)
- 3 It's best to get the first one (5)
- 4 Very much loved somebody who was like this (7)
- 5 People in prison: quite wrongly, they set them free (7)
- 6 It isn't hard not to upset a fool (9)
- 7 Has no interest in mean, intemperate individual! (9)
- 8 Old fashioned paper rounds, could one say? (7)
- 14 A suitor for Poll's favours, in a sense? (9)
- 15 The way to take a non-stop train! (9)
- 17 Books a number of short articles for them (7)
- 18 Tory inclined to over-reaction, it might be said! (3-4)
- 19 Changes his yet, right? Then does well (7)
- 20 Finishes off one's dinner before the coffee is served (7)
- 23 Pulled up at a pub! (5)

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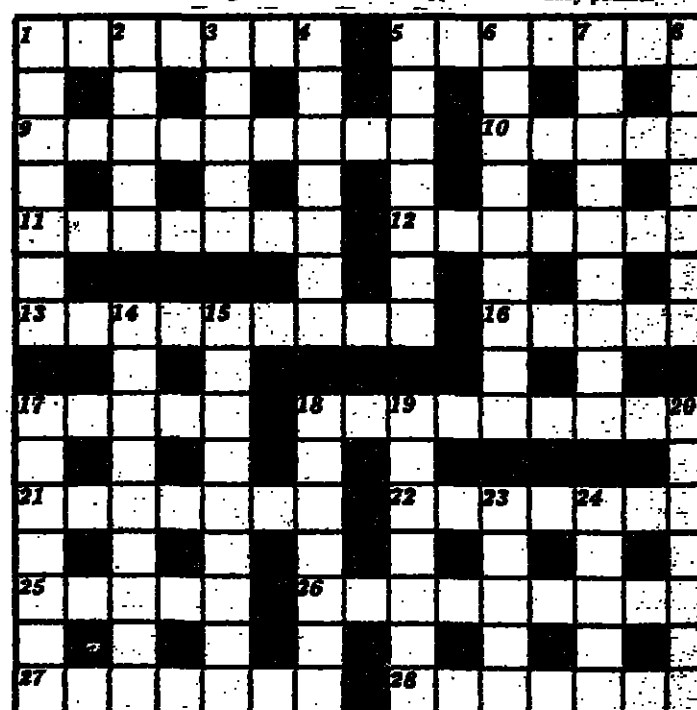
ACROSS

- 1 Famed tightrope-walker (7)
- 5 Holes made by bombs (7)
- 9 Held in esteem (9)
- 10 Sound (5)
- 11 It holds a gun (7)
- 12 To clean clothes (7)
- 13 Made whisky (9)
- 16 Summary of religious beliefs (5)
- 17 To swear (5)
- 18 Lacks faith in (9)
- 21 To wet slightly (7)
- 22 Racecourse figure (7)
- 25 A top room (5)
- 26 Speech training (9)
- 27 Multiplies by three (7)
- 28 Overbalances and falls (7)

DOWN

- 1 Severely beaten (7)
- 2 Bird (5)
- 3 Lived in a place (5)
- 4 Not synthetic (7)
- 5 Embraced lovingly (7)
- 6 Now called a "news-reader" (9)
- 7 They commit sins and crimes (9)

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.



Yesterday's Solution

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Yesterday's Quickie

ACROSS: 1 Lasso, 4 Adot, 20 Pigeon, 21 Toss, 22 Arrow, 23 Camp, 24 Arrow, 25 Thought, 26 Hatch, 27 Litter, 28 Lampton, 29 Crest, 30 Adorn, 31 Woe, 32 Argue, 33 Custard, 34 Lotus, 35 Ostrich, 36 Spry, 37 Aspic, 38 Trunk, 39 Neck, 40 Avail, 41 Truster, 42 Ashamed, 43 Sable, 44 Sell, 45 Clasp, 46 Guess, 47 Troop.

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Condition as at December 31, 1983 in US \$ Thousands*

ASSETS

Cash and Due from Banks	5,464,199
Government and Other Securities	887,594
Deposits with and Loans to the Israel Government	1,910,711
Loans	2,452,826
Other Accounts	118,134
Premises and Equipment	29,043
Total Assets	10,862,507

LIABILITIES

Deposits	8,457,479
Government, Banks and Other Deposits for Granting of Loans	620,431
Debentures Issued by Subsidiaries	1,275,373
Other Accounts	54,298
Total Liabilities	10,407,581

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital Stock, Reserves and Surplus	212,952
Minority Interest and Option Warrants Issued by Subsidiaries	94,865
Non-Convertible Floating Rate Notes and Capital Notes**	147,109
Total Capital Accounts	454,926

Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts 10,862,507

* This condensed statement has been arithmetically translated from Israel sheqels into US dollars at the exchange rate prevailing on December 31, 1983: IS 107.77 = \$1.00, for the convenience of the reader.

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The bank that speaks in

Owners of oil shares strike it rich

AVIV. - Whether Kochav 26 was to produce oil in commercial quantities or not, those who held oil shares a few days ago certainly are rich (so far). Of the 19 oil shares traded yesterday, 16 were up, 1 rising by 5 per cent, and the other three rose as follows: Teroil, plus 10 per cent; Teroil, plus 10 per cent; and M.G.N., plus 10 per cent.

The index for oil exploration shares rose by 6.47 per cent; and the beginning of the week it has risen by 18.9 per cent. Interestingly, most of these oil shares are to rise before the official announcement that tests were carried out at Kochav 26 regarding commercial quantities of oil.

On the whole, the market continued to move upward, but a strong sense of profit-taking began to be felt. True, 103 shares rose by 5 per cent or more, with 25 being "buyers" (as noted, more than half of the oil shares), while 40 fell 5 per cent or more, with five being "sellers" only.

The General Share Index rose by 0.19 per cent which is less than the devaluation of the shekel. But if commercial banks are excluded, the index rose by 1.46 per cent. The "arrangement" shares were up. They rose substantially during the week, by 3.95 per cent, but today they fell by 0.41 per cent. Teroil rose slightly, Discount was firm (slight selling pressure). Mizrahi lost one point, Hapoalim lost 1.4 per cent, and Leumi gained 0.4 per cent.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

BY MACABEE DEAN

Shares of the Israel General Bank, the only bank in the "arrangement" which made a profit in 1983, were mixed, with its ISI shares falling by 2.7 per cent, but with its options and capital notes rising.

Among the "free" bank shares, Danot (which has had a bad year), continued to rise, as did First International, but Fibi remained firm despite selling pressure.

After the oil shares, the highest gains were picked up by one industrial sector - chemicals, rubber and plastics. For some weeks now the industrial shares have been split into six subgroups, and it is generally the subgroup which deals with electrical, electronic and optic goods which has been in demand.

If one looks at the entire week, the General Share Index rose by 0.08 per cent, and without the commercial banks, the index rose by 10.65 per cent. This is considerably more than the devaluation of the shekel. After oil, the section which rose the most during the week was the industrial sub-group called "industrial investments." It rose by 16.47 per cent, and was followed by chemicals, rubber and plastics, which were up by 15.53 per cent.

Land development gained 14.75 per cent. The smallest weekly rise went to metal and metal products.

Commercial Banks

(not part of "arrangement")

Bank	Price	Volume	Change
OHF	1900	7	n.c.
Mazda	686	483	n.c.
Mazda B	279	2050	n.c.
N. American	2062	n.c.	n.c.
N. American B	1630	14	n.c.
N. Am. opt	3145	19	-10
Danot	397	92	+5
Danot B	1330	77	+15
First Int'l	343	1032	+3
Fibi	446	3313	n.c.

Commercial Banks

(part of "arrangement")

Bank	Price	Volume	Change
IDB	6912	836	+2
IDB B	1220	n.c.	+40
IDB p.s.	4100	n.c.	+6
IDB opt	11	n.c.	+3
Discount	8760	481	n.c.
Discount B	1100	n.c.	+20
Discount opt	2846	613	+1
Mizrahi	2885	11	+4
Mizrahi opt	2160	170	-50
Mizrahi B	34245	n.c.	-1
Hapoalim	6130	n.c.	-18
Hapoalim B	4785	1023	-10
Hapoalim opt	4710	177	-10
Hapoalim B	18380	n.c.	-2
General A	12500	14	-350
General B	80250	2	-300
General opt	11900	21	+530
General B	9371	8	+320
General opt	600	188	+10
Leumi	309	179	-12
Leumi B	1170	203	+19
Leumi opt	4050	3	+10
Leumi B	2100	4	n.c.
Leumi opt	370	7	+10

Most active stocks

Leumi	3,048	IS85m.	-12
IDB	8,912	IS57.8m.	+2
Hapoalim	4,786	IS53.6m.	+2
General	15,176	IS17.6m.	+2
Bund	15,884	IS84.2m.	+2
Stocks up	232		
Stocks down	134		

British Telecom

worth nearly £9b.

LONDON (Reuters). - The British government has valued its giant telecommunications network at nearly £9 billion (about \$12.8 b.), shortly before it is due to be sold in the biggest share issue in the nation's history. Trade and Industry Secretary Norman Tebbit told Parliament on Wednesday that British Telecom's total asset value had been set at £8.96 (\$12.8 b.).

In line with Prime Minister Thatcher's policy of reducing government involvement in industry, 51 per cent of British Telecom is to be sold off this autumn. Tebbit said it was speculative to estimate how much would be raised, because of unknown factors such as the state of the market at the time of the launch.

Employees would be given £70 (\$98) worth of free shares and would be helped to buy a stake in the firm. Tebbit said.

Beautiful Industry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - Blue Band Telma and Pri-Hagali have jointly taken first prize in a "Beautiful Industry" competition organized by their parent company, the Koor food group.

The prizes were presented last Wednesday night at the Blue Band Telma factory in Haifa Bay by the general manager of Koor Industries, Yeshayahu Gavish.

A total of 25 firms in the Koor food group took part in the competition, which was held for the first time. Its aim was to encourage the enterprises to improve their standards of general hygiene, safety and tidiness.

LONDON BANK RATES

May 3, 1984

Bank base rate	Prev. Close
Call money	8 1/4 8 1/4
91-day Treasury	8 1/4 8 1/4
3-months Interbank	9 1/4 9 1/4

Hotels, Tourism

(not part of "arrangement")

Hotel	Price	Volume	Change
Gala Zohar	595	n.c.	-
Gala Zohar B	220	n.c.	+3.2
Dor Hotel	846	39	-6
Dor Hotel B	309	50	-9
Beach	611	40	-10
Kenes	257	236	-3
Yarden Hotel	297	22	-2
Yarden Hotel B	138	100	-1
Yarden Hotel opt	228	33	-1
Yarden Hotel B	163	124	n.c.

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Leumi opt	370	7	+10

Real Estate, Building

(not part of "arrangement")

Company	Price	Volume	Change
Oren	235	208	+15
Avram Prop	205	547	n.c.
Avram opt	216	43	n.c.
Avram B	71	305	+10
Avram opt	52	50	n.c.
Avram B	173	354	n.c.
Avram opt	125	248	n.c.
Avram B	173	501	-9
Avram opt	126	52	n.c.
Avram B	147	34	+3
Avram opt	150	49	+14
Avram B	815	63	n.c.
Avram opt	251	163	+2
Avram B	171	23	n.c.
Avram opt	211	n.c.	-
Avram B	150	305	+10
Avram opt	80	221	+3
Avram B	158	134	-1
Avram opt	260	18	+2
Avram B	109	165	+4
Avram opt	106	118	-5

Financial Institutions

(not part of "arrangement")

Company	Price	Volume	Change
Shilon	97	509	+4
Shilon B	1870	n.c.	-10
Shilon opt	12500	n.c.	-1300
Shilon B	16000	n.c.	-1300
Shilon opt	1230	6	-30
Shilon B	1200	6	-23
Shilon opt	9900	n.c.	-2
Shilon B	42600	n.c.	-
Shilon opt	26000	n.c.	-
Shilon B	26300	n.c.	-
Shilon opt	7499	n.c.	-
Shilon B	198	204	+13
Shilon opt	18330	n.c.	-
Shilon B	345	297	+31
Shilon opt	287	29	+26
Shilon B	1235	71	-14

Insurance

(not part of "arrangement")

Company	Price	Volume	Change
Aviv	185	720	-3
Aviv B	488	53	n.c.
Aviv opt	4900	n.c.	-
Aviv B	880	501	-46
Aviv opt	309	62	+7
Aviv B	631	n.c.	-
Aviv opt	220	108	+19
Aviv B	330	n.c.	-
Aviv opt	170	123	+15
Aviv B	555	434	+5
Aviv opt	1030	n.c.	-
Aviv B	420	10	n.c.
Aviv opt	860	11	+20
Aviv B	800	58	+40
Aviv opt	1335	51	n.c.
Aviv B	339	b.o.i.	+7
Aviv opt	121	40	+6
Aviv B	1087	b.o.i.	+52
Aviv opt	1290	14	-30
Aviv B	312	408	+15
Aviv opt	610	21	n.c.
Aviv B	381	12	+35
Aviv opt	166	60	+15

Trade & Services

(not part of "arrangement")

Company	Price	Volume	Change
Meir Ezra	488	1174	n.c.
Meir Ezra B	285	1010	+8
Meir Ezra opt	225	46	+20
Meir Ezra B	155	78	-25
Meir Ezra opt	70	178	n.c.
Meir Ezra B	422	200	n.c.
Meir Ezra opt	629	10	n.c.
Meir Ezra B	260	45	+15
Meir Ezra opt	1251	n.c.	-
Meir Ezra B	263	b.o.i.	+13
Meir Ezra opt	1040	80	+20
Meir Ezra B	540	736	+19
Meir Ezra opt	560	39	-101

Services

(not part of "arrangement")

Company	Price	Volume	Change
Delek	3181	255	+280
Delek B	1323	b.o.i.	+63
Delek opt	884	27	+80
Delek B	890	258	-60
Delek opt	466	267	n.c.
Delek B	1777	1	-1912
Delek opt	9557	s.o.i.	-503
Delek B	632	117	-3
Delek opt	454	176	-5
Delek B	245	292	-11
Delek opt	415	123	+15
Delek B	345	189	n.c.
Delek opt	285	30	+14
Delek B	285	30	+14

Chemicals, Rubber, Plastics

(not part of "arrangement")

Company	Price	Volume	Change
Agan Chem.	980	15	+89
Agan Chem. B	702	+42	+64
Agan Chem. opt	257	114	-19
Agan Chem. B	1197	84	+57
Agan Chem. opt	1625	30	n.c.
Agan Chem. B	101	24	+10
Agan Chem. opt	238	85	+22
Agan Chem. B	155	33	+1
Agan Chem. opt	2299	16	+20
Agan Chem. B	589	45	+19
Agan Chem. opt	586	102	n.c.

Textiles and Clothing

(not part of "arrangement")

Company	Price	Volume	Change
Ofs	125	113	+6
Ofs B	96	b.o.i.	+6
Ofs opt	451	n.c.	+7
Ofs B	162	n.c.	-
Ofs opt	535	26	+32
Ofs B	293	21	-6
Ofs opt	74	186	+3
Ofs B	46	276	+5
Ofs opt	1012	14	+8
Ofs B	65	649	-7
Ofs opt	104	108	-7
Ofs B	347	148	+5
Ofs opt	29	78	n.c.
Ofs B	108	98	-4
Ofs opt	47	441	+153
Ofs B	148	87	+3
Ofs opt	98	n.c.	-
Ofs B	210	104	n.c.
Ofs opt	155	30	+33
Ofs B	162	63	n.c.
Ofs opt	74	220	+4

Metals and Metal Products

(not part of "arrangement")

Company	Price	Volume	Change
Octagon	330	11	-8
Octagon B	302	n.c.	-
Octagon opt	1633	15	+5
Octagon B	1111	20	+6
Octagon opt	810	27	+40
Octagon B	86	2	-23

Electronics, Optics

(not part of "arrangement")

Company	Price	Volume	Change
Elbit 3	67000	7	n.c.
Elbit 3 B	94000	n.c.	+300
Elbit 3 opt	400		

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Of carpets and drawers

THE ELECTION campaign is slowly shifting into gear. The parties are arranging their Knesset lists—like Herut last night—oil their organizational machinery, and maneuvering their manifestos.

Perhaps more than ever before in the past, the campaign will be characterized this time by the values and devices associated with that manipulative enterprise known as public relations. With ideas and methods borrowed from the U.S., the parties will choose their words and measure their actions primarily on the basis of the expected impact on public opinion. They will say what sells, do what attracts, and change course in mid-stream if a strategy is not working.

Whether such resort to the uses of public relations in fact profoundly influences the electorate is an open question. Voters in democratic countries have a highly developed capacity to filter out the irrelevant, ignore the contrived, and steer themselves according to their deeper convictions and emotions.

In Israel these deeper feelings for most people have centered on the elementary issues of leadership, national security and material welfare.

These too will be the issues that the parties will again prefer to address—each in its own way. While the Labour Party will try to focus on what it and the government both consider the government's vulnerable flanks—Lebanon and the economy—the Likud will seek to shift attention to Eretz Yisrael and the dangers inherent in the idea of territorial compromise.

The smaller parties for their part will each seek to find a niche of its own by identifying chinks in the security and economic policy armour of the major parties, while Mr. Weizman will try to rest his appeal on the question of leadership, hoping that his image and generalized call for fresh directions will bring in the votes.

These are the tried and true patterns. What is always omitted, unfortunately, when the contest is structured in this way, is that minor little issue of government management, or simply, national housekeeping.

This after all is what governments and their respective ministers preside over. It is not only high policy that they determine, they also are supposed to be responsible for our mail delivery services, tax collection mechanisms, telephones, police, banks, civil service, public health, public schools and the rest of an almost endless list.

But when Mr. Zippori appears on a Herut platform he will hold forth about war and peace rather than tell his audience why it takes two weeks for a letter to reach Jerusalem from Tel Aviv, and when Mr. Cohen-Orgad takes his turn he will flay the Histadrut but not tell us why the income tax authorities must hound the little man while companies can always show they have no taxable profits.

Nor will Mr. Peres be forced to tell us how his government would improve the public administration. He too will be enabled to talk solely about greater matters. As will Mr. Weizman, Dr. Ne'eman, Mr. Moda'i and all the rest.

Certainly the public relations advisers will not steer them to the issue. For it lacks the electoral electricity of a rousing speech, say, about settlement.

And so the poor citizen is left with no advocate—not even the State Comptroller whose critical annual reports, while on the side of the angels, are ignored by the gods.

Were it not for the fact that in recent years the standards and even the mores of our public administration services have been allowed to deteriorate so drastically, ignoring this issue so conveniently at election time could perhaps be forgiven as part of the electoral game.

But even bad housekeepers can't keep sweeping everything under the carpet and stuffing the rest in the drawers. So it would be healthy indeed if the Likud were to be held accountable for its record of what has been simply poor management—and if the opposition were to be challenged to reveal how it intends to be more adept.

THE GOLEM OF THE GUSH

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

THE UNDERGROUND allegedly uncovered by the security services last weekend is unique in the annals of Jewish terror and subversion written since the establishment of the state.

From what is known so far about the suspects and their respected positions within the broad movement known as Gush Emunim, it is clear that some of them come from the mainstream of a movement that is regarded throughout Israeli society as a latter-day incarnation of the pioneering spirit that built and secured the State of Israel.

The Gush underground thus bears no resemblance to the right-wing nationalist underground exposed in the early 1950s that was composed of disgruntled former members of the IZL and Lehi who refused to countenance a regime headed by their arch-enemy, the Labour movement. Nor is it similar to the ultra-Orthodox subversive gang that operated at about the same time.

These terror groups, like their contemporary kindred—the "Lifta Gang," TNT and the Kach extremists—drew on the lunatic fringe of social groups that were marginal to begin with: ultra-nationalists and *haredim* who could not adjust to, or accept, the emerging reality of independent Israel; ex-delinquents turned on to a muddled brand of Judaism, and recent arrivals from the U.S. who want to fight the gang wars of the Bronx on the streets of Ramallah.

The unique background to the "Gush" underground is even more striking when one considers that, ideologically and organizationally, it is related to religious Zionism, a movement known for its moderation, at least until after the Six Day War.

From that time on, a cadre of young men who had previously been under the sway of the late Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, head of the Mercaz Harav Yeshiva in Jerusalem, began to spread the gospel of Messianic redemption linked to the absolute and unconditional imposition of Israeli sovereignty over the portions of Eretz Yisrael conquered in 1967.

The fanatical obsession with the divinely ordained imperative to retake the biblical claim to the territories—without regard for the consequences for their Arab inhabitants and for the democratic character of Israel—were the ideological seeds that later germinated and produced the unruly growth now cut down by the security authorities.

But ideological fanaticism, which on the subject of the territories is shared by political groups of varied shadings, does not automatically lead to armed extremism. The seeds sown by the fanatics must find an appropriate social and political environment in which to take root and thrive.

Only last year, the former head of the General Security Services (*Shin Bet*), Avraham Ahituv, warned that the Gush settlements were becoming a "psychological booby-trap" for terror.

ANOTHER SOURCE of extremism which seems to have propelled the Gush underground was provided by newly observant Jews, some of

them from elite combat units, who added the uncompromising zeal of the newly converted to the narrow, steadfast commitment ingrained in the other members from their youth.

To explain the emergence of the Gush underground in retrospect it was not necessarily to argue that it was an inevitable outgrowth of Rabbi Zvi Yehuda's Tora lessons. Nor is it to assert that the entire Gush Emunim movement acted as an accessory to the misdeeds of a few, despite their pillar-of-the-community standing.

While the acts of a few do not in this case convict an entire movement, they are nevertheless not a mutant growth like the Lifta Gang in relation to the organized religious community.

The "Gush" underground reflects ideas and tendencies nurtured by the mainstream, only carried by a small minority to a cruel and logical extreme. It also seems that the extra zeal supplied by the newly observant in the gang served as a critical catalyst in this process.

The genuine cries of dismay and disbelief from other Gush members and leaders cannot change the fact that the underground could not have grown and thrived elsewhere. It is thus legitimate to use the term "Gush" Underground, without implying that all members of the movement support it.

The same cannot be said, for instance, about Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach movement, which certainly does not reflect an aberrant extension of mainstream ideas and tendencies in American Jewry.

In the case of Gush Emunim, the prime ingredient of ideological fanaticism combined with other essential factors to produce a violent underground offshoot of the main movement.

Gush Emunim's explosive entry into the history of Zionism just 10 years ago was marked by a sharp tendency that was noted at the time with dismay, and has only deepened and intensified since then: a brazen and abrasive contempt for the law and a willingness to resort to violent tactics to further its goals.

From 1967 to 1973 and the Yom Kippur War, the Gush was in its nascent stage, with those later to become its leaders and shock-troops occupied with establishing settlements in Hebron and Gush Etzion. With the formation of the Rabin government in 1974, the Gush went over to the offensive and launched its drive for massive Jewish settlement in the heart of Samaria.

Its first violent resistance to the Israel Defence Forces—which since the bitter conflicts of the early days of the state had become one of the few unquestioned symbols of national unity—came in its settlement attempts at Sebastia, for which it was eventually "rewarded" by the Labour government with its first permanent foothold in Samaria.

THOSE WHO thought that the Gush's attitude to the authorities and to due process of law would change with the advent of the Begin government of 1977 were rudely dis-

appointed. The violent struggle against official policy and the prestige and authority of the IDF went on, providing many a slap in the face for Begin himself, surely a true believer in Greater Israel, who had promised the Gush that there would be "many Eilon Morehs."

One of the landmarks of this period was the dispute in 1979 over the site for the permanent settlement for Eilon Moreh, which ended up in the High Court of Justice. The ruling of the court against the settlers earned that august institution—almost the only one in the country to be kept above politics over the years—a blast of invective and mutterings about the Gush accepting only the authority of a "higher law."

That year also witnessed the occupation of Beit Hadassah in the old Jewish Quarter of Hebron by women and children from the Gush. The government at first declared the move illegal, then meekly accepted it and eventually became a full accomplice in the Gush drive to resettle old Hebron.

In 1980 Jewish counter-terror and harassment against Arabs in the territories began, escalating rapidly from window-smashings to attempted murder in the bombings aimed at three West Bank mayors. Attempts by the police to investigate these and other incidents over the years have been met with an organized campaign of non-cooperation with the authorities.

This vigilante and terrorist activity was in response to what many of the settlers felt was a half-hearted effort by the government to halt Arab terror and harassment against Jews.

The epitome of the Gush contempt for law and its willingness to trample on the most sacred traditions of reborn Israel came in the organized mass resistance to the evacuation of Yamit. Only two years ago the world was treated to the horrifying spectacle of Greater Israel extremists of all stripes attacking and humiliating the soldiers of the IDF who had come to remove them from the doomed town.

A movement that could support such behaviour should not be shocked when some of its members who have worn the uniform of the IDF with bravery and distinction put their military skills to use for violence and murder in the service of a "higher goal."

In its network of settlements in the West Bank and the Golan Heights, the Gush has created a social enclave in the heart of Israeli society in which its militant anti-government and anti-Arab attitudes could become rooted and respectable. These communities also provided the Gush with a wall of ideological solidarity against outside intrusions like police investigations of vigilante activities—a wall that was eventually breached in the investigation of the underground.

Unlike the enclaves created in the kibbutzim by the Labour movement, which in the past had given rise to some extreme left-wing deviations, the Gush enclave is an independent bastion of true believers that is in no

way subject to the sobering discipline of a political party bearing national responsibility.

IN THE RELATIONS of the Gush with the National Religious Party, its leading politicians, who at first tried to exploit the Gush for their own ends, have since become humbled by the Gush that they helped to create. In the case of Tehiya, its leaders are forced to provide rationalizations for whatever the Gush does, without being able to influence it in the least. Witness the squirming of Geula Cohen when she was recently confronted on television with evidence of the underground.

As for Herut, whose own Betar movement remained stunted and ineffectual as an instrument for settling the territories, it too was forced to adopt the Gush. Begin did so enthusiastically at first, but then seems to have become ambivalent when Gush extremism discredited his policies and his personal credibility. Sharon too used the Gush and was used by it, but could not control it.

What further released the Gush enclave from the normative constraints of law and public responsibility was the "frontier" atmosphere in which they pursued their goals. Consciously or not, they set out to recreate the spirit of the pioneering era of Zionism, when every house put up and field tilled created "facts" that would determine the future borders of the state.

They also recreated the distrust of government and the subterfuges used against it that had characterized their predecessors' relations with the British under the Mandate.

The schizophrenic legal system in the territories, which in some ways put the settlers above the law, also encouraged them to take things into their own hands, as the increase in vigilante activity since 1980 demonstrates.

The availability of weapons and explosives was no problem for any group seriously intent on organizing for violent retribution against the Arabs. Rafael Eitan, former chief of staff and himself a veteran "Indian fighter," helped the settlers establish what amounted to their own militias during his tenure.

The leaders and ideologues of the Gush have cast aside, or never accepted in the first place, the strand of European humanism that was once the hallmark of the labour trend in religious Zionism, Hapoel Hamizrachi. The attempted synthesis of humanism and religion that guided the religious Zionist kibbutz movement was replaced in the Gush

by a muscular chauvinism putting an exclusive emphasis on Jewish rights.

It is no accident that the Gush Kibbutz Hadani has been opposed by many of the excesses perpetrated by the Gush, and that it has lost standing in the religious Zionist political constellation since the Six Day War.

AS MIGHT BE expected in any right-wing brand of Zionism, the Gush denies any semblance of collective rights to the Palestinian Arabs, but also confines their rights as individuals to the minimum. When pressed to the wall on the issue of the "demographic problem" (the large Arab minority under Jewish domination in Greater Israel), the Gush leaders admit that an Arab migration would be the only practical solution.

In this ideological thrust towards Jewish exclusivity and superiority, notions of democracy are at best irrelevant.

The danger in any movement animated by ideological fanaticism is that it ruthlessly suppresses the ambiguities and conflicts that are a normal part of a society's system of values, and gives exclusive, uncritical weight to one central value that towers over the rest. In the case of the Gush, this value is Greater Israel.

In pursuit of the supreme goal, other cherished values such as the biblical injunction to "love the stranger, as you were strangers in the Land of Egypt," are trampled underfoot. Those who urge consideration of other values that might temper devotion to the "one true ideal" are castigated and excluded from the fold.

When NRP leader Zevulun Hammer tried to open a dialogue with the Gush after the first phase of the war in Lebanon on the relative priority of other Jewish values vis-a-vis Eretz Yisrael, he was banned from Gush settlements.

THE PROFUSE attempts made over the past week by apologists of Gush Emunim, from the prime minister on down, to dissociate the underground from the movement that gave rise to it just won't wash. We cannot pretend that the underground is an alien growth, somehow transplanted to the environment of a movement that over the last 10 years has amply shown its potential to inspire a violent extremist offshoot within its ranks.

Recognition of this unpleasant fact is only the beginning of what must be done in order to ensure that the Gush Emunim Underground is the last terror gang to spring from the mainstream of Israeli society.

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